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I have known Hoofland's German Bitters favorably for a number of years. I have used them in my own family, and have been so satisfied with their effects, that I recommend to recommend them to many others, and know that they have operated in a strikingly beneficial manner. I take great pleasure in thus publicly proclaiming the fact, and call the attention of those around me to the diseases for which they are recommended, to these Bitters, knowing from experience that my recommendation will be endorsed. I do this more cheerfully as Hoofland's Bitters is intended to benefit the afflicted, and is "not a rum drink."

Yours, truly, LEVI G. BECK.

From Rev. W. D. Seigfried, Pastor of Twelfth Baptist Church, Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: I have recently been laboring under the distressing effects of indigestion, accompanied by a prostration of the nervous system. Numerous remedies were recommended to me, but I had no confidence in them, but without relief. Your Hoofland's German Bitters were recommended by persons who had tried them, and whose favorable testimony in behalf of these Bitters induced me to try them. I must confess that I had an aversion to Patent Medicines, from the "thousand and one" quack "bitters," whose only aim seems to be to palm off sweetened and drugged liquor upon the community in a sly way, and the tendency of which, I fear, is to make many a contented drunkard. Upon learning that yours was really a medicinal preparation, I took it, with happy effect. Its action, not only upon the stomach, but upon the nervous system, was prompt and gratifying. I feel that I have received a benefit and permanent relief from the use of a few bottles. Very respectfully yours,

W. D. SEIGFRIED, No. 254 Shackamaxon-st.

From A. M. Spangler, Editor of the Culturist, No. 25 North 4th-st.:

PHILADELPHIA, July 15, 1865.

Some eighteen months since I was a severe sufferer from dyspepsia, and consulted the most eminent of the faculty without suffering great distress, but had become so debilitated as to be almost unfitted for active business of any kind.

After trying a variety of so-called remedies, all of which proved worthless, I was induced, at the suggestion of a medical friend, to give Hoofland's German Bitters a trial. I accordingly purchased and took them, which were taken in accordance with your directions.

The result was complete removal of all distressing symptoms, after eating or drinking, and a full restoration of strength, so that I now eat all ordinary kinds of food with impunity, and am able to attend to all the active duties of a large and arduous business as well as at any period of my life. The good effects of the bitters were manifested before I had taken the first bottle.

I have also used it in my family with the happiest results, and take great pleasure in adding my testimony to that of the many others who have been benefited by them. I find great benefit from the use of a bottle in the spring and fall. They not only create a vigorous appetite, but give a healthy tone to the stomach, by strengthening the digestive powers.

If the above testimony will be the means of inducing any who suffer from dyspepsia to give your bitters a trial, such as it, I feel confident, will give them speedy relief in all your service. Yours truly,

A. M. SPANGLER.

From Rev. E. D. Fendall, Assistant Editor of the Christian Chronicle, Philadelphia.

I have found decided benefit from the use of Hoofland's German Bitters, and feel it my privilege to recommend them as a most valuable tonic, to all who are suffering from general debility or from diseases arising from derangement of the liver.

Yours truly, E. D. FENDALL.

From Rev. D. Merrige, Pastor of the Passyunk Baptist Church, Philadelphia.

In the many respectable recommendations given to Dr. Hoofland's German Bitters, I was induced to give them a trial. After using several bottles I found them to strengthen and invigorate the system when debilitated, and are useful in disorders of the liver, loss of appetite, &c. I have also recommended them to several of my friends, who, like myself, have found them greatly beneficial in the restoration of health.

Yours, truly, WILLIAM SMITH,
No. 905 Hutchinson-st.

From Rev. Thos. Winter, D. D., Pastor of Roxborough Baptist Church.

DEAR SIR: I feel it due to your excellent preparation, Hoofland's German Bitters, to add my testimony to the many others in its favor obtained. I have for years at times been troubled with great disorder in the stomach and nervous system. I was advised by a friend to try a bottle of your German Bitters. I did so, and have experienced great and unexpected relief; my health has been very materially benefited. I confidently recommend the article where I meet with cases similar to my own, and have been cheered by many of their good effects.

Respectfully yours,

T. WINTER, Roxborough, Penn.

From Rev. J. S. Herman, of the German Reformed Church, Kutztown, Berks County, Penn.

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STATE OF NEW-YORK.

Reassembling of the State Legislature.

Organization of the Senate and Assembly.

Hon. Lyman Tremaine Chosen Speaker of the Lower House.

MESSAGE OF GOVERNOR FENTON.

General Review of the Condition of the State.

The System of State Relief for Disabled Soldiers.

Present Condition and Prospects of Our Militia System.

The Question of Enlarging the Canals—Railway Competition in the Freight Business.

THE UNION CAUCUS.

Lyman Tremaine Nominated for Speaker of the Assembly and J. B. Cushman for Clerk.

ALBANY, Monday, Jan. 1.

In the Union Senatorial Caucus, JAMES TERWILLIGER was nominated for Clerk, Capt. ARTHUR HOTCHKISS for Sergeant-at-Arms, SANDERS WILSON for Postmaster, and H. B. YOUNG for Doorkeeper; FRANK M. JONES, NATHANIEL SAXTON and AUGUST WAGNER, Assistant Doorkeepers. The Chairman, Senator FOLGER, appointed as a Caucus Committee Messrs. LOW, CORNELL and LENT. The caucus then adjourned.

At 7 o'clock the Union Assembly Caucus was called to order by E. L. PITTS, of Orleans, on whose motion DANIEL WOOD, of Onondaga, was chosen Chairman. On motion of MR. COCHRANE, JOHN L. PARKER, of Cayuga, and JAMES THORN, of Rensselaer, were chosen Secretaries. GEORGE G. HOSMER declined being a candidate for Speaker, and moved the unanimous nomination of LYMAN TREMAIN. Carried. JOSEPH B. CUSHMAN was nominated for Clerk; FREDERICK T. HEMPSTEAD for Sergeant-at-Arms, S. B. PENNINGTON Doorkeeper, and ALEXANDER FREER and OSCAR R. DEAN Assistant Doorkeepers.

Calls were made for Mr. TREMAIN. He responded by expressing his warmest thanks for this evidence of confidence in nominating him for Speaker. He accepted the compliment as an expression of good will and approval of his conduct, that during the dark hours of the country he had preferred country to party. [Cheers.] If elected Speaker, it would be his aim to uphold the honor and dignity of the State, and promote the interests of the party with which he was identified. [Cheers.] He congratulated those before him on the improved condition of the country and the abolition of slavery. The country was burdened with a heavy debt, and honesty and economy in legislation was absolutely necessary. There must be no abandonment of the doctrines involved in the late contest and settled by its result. The supremacy of the Federal Government must be sacredly maintained, and as members of the great and patriotic party which to-day exists triumphant in every State in the Union, we must see to it that in all proper and constitutional ways we seek to educate and protect, elevate and improve, every American citizen, without distinction on account of class or race, condition or color. [Repeated cheers.] No backward steps should be taken in the cause of Republicanism, liberty and human rights. He again thanked those before him for the compliment conveyed in the nomination.

The following committee was appointed to call future caucuses: Messrs. PITTS, PARKER, PALMER, HOSKINS and LITTLEJOHN. The caucus then adjourned.

At the Democratic Assembly Caucus but twenty-seven members answered. WILLIAM WILLIAMS, of Erie, was appointed Chairman and Messrs. BILLS and FAULKNER were chosen Secretaries. On motion of Mr. LYONS, of New-York, the caucus adjourned until to-morrow morning, in order to secure a larger attendance.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

ALBANY, Tuesday, Jan. 2, 1866.

The Senate was called to order at 11 o'clock this morning by Lieut.-Gov. ALVORD.

All the Senators, except Mr. WOOD, of New-York, were present and took the oath of office.

The Senators being seated, the Lieutenant-Governor briefly addressed them, urging upon them the propriety and necessity of a strict observance of the rules of the Senate, which was alike necessary to the dispatch and correctness of the business that might be brought before them during the session. He condemned the practice of frequent adjournments from Friday evening until Monday evening as unwise and unnecessary, and as calculated to lead to loose legislation. Alluding to the condition of the country, he said that when the Senate met here a year ago to-day, war was raging throughout the land. Our boys were scattered from the Potomac to the Rio Grande, making one last great effort to put down the rebellion. We here in the Senate, and the people throughout the State, as in the other cohorts to aid in the great work and we finally saw the triumph of the right. We saw the glorious banner of the Union triumphant on every hill-top and in every valley throughout the broad land. We have seen returned to the nation the benefits of peace, and the triumph, not only of mere brute force, but of these great and beneficent principles which lie at the foundation of our government, and which are destined to prevail throughout and over the whole face of the globe. Still you have a duty to perform, which we must do. In the great struggle out of which we have just emerged we were wounded and scarred all over, and it is necessary that such medicine should be administered to the body politic as will most speedily cure these wounds. He confided in the wisdom of those around him, and in their disposition and anxiety to do all in their power for this land, and commended God in His infinite wisdom guide and direct your labors for the immediate interests of the State, and in aiding with its power the reorganization and restitution of the whole country to a healthful condition and a rapid march to the prosperity and happiness of the whole people of the Union.

On motion, Mr. James Terwilliger was appointed Clerk; Arthur Hotchkiss, Sergeant-at-Arms; Sanders Wilson, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms; H. B. Young, Doorkeeper; F. M. Jones, Nathaniel Saxton and August Wagner, Assistant Doorkeepers.

Soon after, the Governor transmitted his annual message, which was read by the Clerk.

Notice was given of the introduction of the following bills:

By Mr. THOMAS MURPHY—To provide for filling vacancies in the offices of the Recorder and Surrogate of New-York.

By Mr. CORNELL—To amend the banking law of 1838.

To amend the law in relation to the taxation of monied corporations and associations which are not organized under the law.

Authorizing the business of banking.

By Mr. LOW—To amend the assessment laws relative to person and property.

By Mr. LA BAU—To amend the Metropolitan Police Act.

By Mr. FOLGER—Authorizing the Superintendent of the Banking Department to distribute the residue of the safety fund.

Adjourned.

ASSEMBLY.

ALBANY, Tuesday, Jan. 2.

At 11 o'clock the Assembly was called to order by JOSEPH B. CUSHMAN, Clerk of the last House, and the members were sworn in by FRANCIS C. BARLOW, Secretary of State.

Mr. LITTLEJOHN moved the adoption of the rules of the last House until otherwise ordered. Motion carried.

Mr. WILBUR moved that the House proceed to ballot for Speaker. Motion carried.

The Clerk then called the roll of the House, with the following result:

For Lyman Tremaine	96
For Smith M. Weed	34

The Clerk declared Mr. TREMAINE duly elected Speaker of the Assembly.

Mr. WEED, of Clinton, and Mr. HOSKINS, of Wyoming, were selected to escort the Speaker to the chair.

Mr. TREMAINE made a speech thanking the members for the honor conferred upon him. He said:

GENTLEMEN OF THE ASSEMBLY: The annual meeting of our Legislature, an event always important, is invested at this time with peculiar and extraordinary interest. During the past year the terrible civil war, which for four years continued with unexampled fury and destructiveness, has happily terminated in the complete overthrow of the rebellion and the triumphant restablishment of the authority of the Federal Government. By an amendment of the National Constitution, voluntarily adopted in the mode which it prescribes, slavery has been finally and perpetually abolished throughout the United States. Upon entering upon the performance of our legislative duties, at this most interesting era in our national history, we are charged with solemn and unusual responsibilities, springing from the emancipation of four millions of people and the termination of the war. There are various important questions of public policy, some of which may perhaps engage our attention. Among these are the political status and condition of the States and people lately in rebellion, the terms and conditions of restoration or reconstruction, the civil and political rights of the freedmen, and the best modes of protection securing and improving these rights, the national debt and questions of taxation relating to it, amendments of the Federal constitution prohibiting the payment of the Confederate debt or any part of it, establishing a more equitable basis of representation in the House of Representatives and in the electoral colleges, removing the restrictions and duties on exports, and amendments for other purposes. No doubt need be entertained that the Representatives of New-York will be found equal to the emergency. Her statesmen and people will approach the consideration of these and kindred subjects animated by a spirit of kindness and conciliation, blended with justice, firmness and a due regard for the public welfare and for the future peace and security of the country.

Your action I am satisfied will prove that now, as heretofore, New-York will cheerfully assume her share of all burdens, and faithfully perform her part of all obligations imposed upon her as a member of the American Union. Nor shall she be found wanting in any duties she owes to her sister States, to all the citizens and inhabitants of these States to the general government. Our principal and most laborious duties, however, will consist in devising and perfecting and perfecting legislative measures relating exclusively to our own constituents and have a vast and important field lies open before us. We are to legislate for the State of New-York with her noble system of internal improvements; and we are to provide for the wants of her prosperous and enterprising millions of people—their commerce—their canals—their labor—their material implements, and all their important and diversified pursuits. Let us see it, gentlemen, that in the performance of all these exalted duties, the integrity of the assembly of eighteen hundred and sixty-five shall be above suspicion! Let us labor earnestly to secure economy and retrenchment, as well as an honest reduction of taxes in all cases where the jurisdiction and control. Let our conduct be such as to satisfy the laborer that his interests are safe in our hands, and at the same time assure the capitalist that his possessions and accumulations are regarded as the proper subjects of legislative protection. We shall thus be able to secure the approval of the people and maintain our own self-respect. Finally, and more important than all, let us bear in mind that our wisdom and labors will be worse than in vain without the continued favor and support of that Divine power, to which we have just emerged as a nation, and whose mighty arm has been recently laid bare for our protection and defence. I thank you, gentlemen, for the honor you have conferred upon me by selecting me as your Speaker; and while I invoke, in advance, your charity and indulgence for any errors which I may inadvertently commit, I shall fairly and impartially preside over your deliberations and administer the rules that may be adopted for the government of the Assembly.

Mr. LITTLEJOHN moved that a committee of two be appointed to wait upon Hon. SCHUYLER COLFAX, Speaker of the House of Representatives, now in this city, and invite him to the privileges of the floor.

Motion carried.

The Committee were appointed, and soon appeared with MR. COLFAX.

Mr. COLFAX was introduced to the House, and welcomed by the Speaker and invited to a seat by his side.

Mr. COLFAX responded by returning thanks for the honor done him.

The House then proceeded to the election of a Clerk with the following result:—

For Joseph B. Cushman	69
For Oscar H. Bogart	31

JOSEPH B. CUSHMAN was then declared duly elected Clerk of the Assembly.

Messrs. GIBSON and SUTHERLAND, a committee on the part of the Senate, here appeared and announced that the Senate was organized and ready to proceed to business.

The ballot for Sergeant-at-Arms resulted as follows:

FREDERICK T. HEMPSTEAD	86
G. H. F. VAN HORN	32

G. R. REDDINGTON, ALEXANDER FREER and OSCAR K. DEAN were elected door-keepers by a similar vote.

The usual committees to wait upon the Governor and Senate were then appointed.

The Governor's private secretary here appeared and presented the annual message of the Governor, which was read by the Clerk.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of enabling the members to find seats.

THE MESSAGE OF GOV. FENTON.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, ALBANY, Jan 2, 1866.

To the Legislature:

The circumstances under which we meet are very different from those of a year ago. Then the whole country was convulsed, and every energy of the people exerted to sustain the most formidable armament, and in the prosecution of the most stupendous war that history has yet known. Since then our armies have conquered a peace as complete and honorable to our government as it has been disastrous to those who carelessly sought its overthrow.

The fundamental principle of our nationality, the doctrine of civil liberty, and inviolable federal unity, have been established in the court of last resort—an appeal to the God of Battles.

Perhaps the most wonderful events of these remarkable four years, have followed the cessation of hostilities. The Federal Government, confiding in the completeness of its material and moral victories, though no formal peace was declared, within eight months from its last decisive battle disbanded one million men, who, without disturbance or commotion of any kind, have, in that brief period, been absorbed into the body of society. No less remarkable is the manner in which all our industrial pursuits have withstood the change, in so short a time, from intense warfare to profound peace. Scarcely had hostilities ceased, when every department of industry, previously taxed to its utmost capacity to provide the engines of war, found an equally urgent demand to supply the wants of civil commerce and the peace establishments of a people who, with recuperative energy unparalleled, had, without pause, set about repairing, restoring and reconstructing what their own hands had so lately disturbed or laid waste. Looking throughout the State, and through all the land, we see everywhere the evidence of remarkable activity and prosperity. But let us not feel too confident and self-reliant in view of these blessings. Let us rather find expression for the gratitude of our hearts in thanks to Him, who, while we sacrificed boldly and uncalculatingly in behalf of liberty and the decrees of His infinite justice, has given us not victory only, but immunity from the exhaustion and stagnation which has ever characterized the close of wars waged in the interest of selfish aggrandizement.

NEW-YORK SOLDIERS.

During my administration, no subject has occupied more of my attention than the condition of our soldiers. I have not hesitated to make liberal use of the sum so munificently granted by the last Legislature to provide for their relief and care. While the war was yet in progress, the system of military agencies which I found in existence was extended, with some modifications, until every point where our sick and wounded soldiers were congregated in any considerable number, was in charge of an efficient agent, with suitable assistants, to visit them and provide for their wants. The value and importance of these agencies have not been over-estimated. They kept alive in the soldier an interest and a pride in his State by an exhibition of reciprocal concern on its part for his fortunes.

During the process of disbandment, when thousands of men were rapidly transferred from distant points to the place of rendezvous, these agencies, situated on all important thoroughfares, were kept constantly open for aid and direction. At points of mustering out they were resorted to by soldiers, and not unfrequently by officers, for assistance in recovering lost, and correcting defective papers, and for advice in the settlement of accounts complicated by the almost infinite variety of incidents common to active service. These agents performed valuable service also in cautioning and protecting our soldiers, *in transitu*, against frauds and robberies which have, at times, been perpetrated to an alarming extent, and with great impunity, and in supplying those destitute, with clothing, subsistence and transportation to their homes. It has thus been my endeavor to maintain, in all these varying circumstances, a guardian care over the interests of these brave men.

The duties thus imposed upon these agents have been varied, onerous and difficult. They were obliged to become familiar with the details of military routine. To gain the confidence of the soldier and learn his wants, called for the kindest expressions of fellowship and sympathy, while to bring those wants to the attention of those in authority, required judgment, respectful address and patient assiduity.

The labor has been faithfully and well performed by the General Superintendent and his able assistants. His report will soon be laid before you. Perhaps it may be thought that my duties as almoner of this fund should have ceased upon the return of the majority of our forces to their homes. I sincerely hope, however, that you will only regard my subsequent action as anticipatory of your own legislation in this behalf. My attention was early attracted to the number of men discharged with only partial, or without any, payment of their just claims against the Federal Government. Failing to procure immediate relief from the hardships of these cases upon appeal to the federal authorities, I felt justified, as the most economical mode of aiding the men thus thrown, indigent and disabled, upon the community, in adding to the duties of the military agencies that of collecting these claims.

The admirable working of this plan leads me to respectfully suggest the propriety of establishing, for a limited time, a system of claim agencies, by which the State shall perform its further duty in the assertion of their just claims upon the government, under a contract which, as imminent peril to themselves, has been of signal advantage to their country.

I desire, also, most earnestly to urge the claims of these maimed and disabled men for other and more permanent relief. Many of them must become objects of charity, not through idleness, improvidence, or vice, but through the casualties of a war waged in behalf of freedom and a nation's life. The commonest sentiments of humanity, patriotism and State pride are repugnant to classing and providing for these mutilated and war-worn veterans as ordinary paupers. It should also be remembered that though their valor and discipline as soldiers has been proved on many a sanguinary field they have never ceased to be citizens. They went out from us in the prime of life, many of them heads of families, valuable members of communities, from regular and profitable employments in the various great fields of labor. They return to us with all their domestic, social, and, in many cases, business ties, unbroken—ready and anxious to engage in their usual occupations, and only restrained by greater or less degree of physical disability. When they laid aside the uniform of the soldier, they resumed at once their separate individualities, their pride as citizens, and their desire for self-sustaining employment. In providing relief for the brave and unfortunate, such sentiments, so worthy in the man and so valuable to the community, ought to be cultivated and encouraged. I doubt whether any means has yet been devised which so fully meets these requirements as our national pension system, which, graduating its relief according to the degree of the soldier's disability, still leaves him free and responsible to perform, according to the measure of his remaining abilities, the domestic, social and civil duties of a good citizen. The propriety of extending this system, and relatively increasing the pension, in proportion to the increased prices of living, as compared with the time when the present rate was established, is, I understand, receiving the attention of the authorities at Washington, and I hardly doubt, in view of its justice, that such increased provision will be speedily made. In the meantime, and at all times, much can be done by citizens by giving encouragement to responsible employment agencies, and in the power of the State in organizing a system for the special care of partially disabled soldiers at their homes, and the establishment of an asylum for those totally disabled.

To meet the present emergencies and needs of these most worthy cases, I have resorted to various measures: first, the granting of individual relief; assistance to associations having this object in view in devoting, so far as consistent with its endowment, the New-York Soldiers' Depot to this purpose, and the establishment of a temporary asylum at the Ira Harris Hospital in this city; leaving to you such further and permanent provision as you shall deem proper.

The Soldiers' Depot in New-York City, established by my predecessor, has been conducted on substantially the same plan as heretofore. There has been, however, considerable reduction of the working force, without detracting from its usefulness. The aid rendered at this institution has not been confined exclusively to soldiers belonging to this State, but those from every State have equally shared in its benefits. The military officers of the General Government, in New-York City, have heartily cooperated with the State authorities to make the institution equal in every respect to any of the kind in the country. They have furnished the necessary subsistence, medical supplies and transportation for the sick and disabled through the city. Many benevolent citizens, the Sanitary and Christian Commissions, the Ladies' Soldiers' Relief Association and the Union League Club, have also rendered valuable aid. The employes have, by their commendable zeal and faithfulness, established a claim to the gratitude of all who have been the recipients of its benefactions, and their earnest cooperation has been in that liberal spirit which prompted the Legislature to establish and continue its support of the institution.

The whole number admitted into the institution during the year has been eighty thousand and five hundred, who have remained on the average two and a half days. The number received into and treated in hospital is two thousand eight hundred and seventy. Of those, thirty-eight have died. The library which was generously contributed by the Soldiers' and Sailors' Library Committee, contains twelve hundred volumes, besides large quantities of newspapers and periodicals which have been gratuitously furnished from other sources. There has been deposited, for safe keeping and return to owners, the sum of two hundred and forty-two thousand, seven hundred and twenty dollars and eighty-two cents, besides thousands of discharge and other valuable papers. The Quartermaster-General has furnished transportation to all applicants at Government rates, and has collected to pay the amount the sum of three thousand two hundred and fifty dollars. The amount of free transportation furnished to those entirely destitute has been about one thousand dollars. As New-York is the principal rendezvous in the State for the discharge of detached soldiers, it is important that this home be continued, and as the demands upon it are as great as at the present time. It is hoped, however, that its period of usefulness may have measurably ended, and that it may be discontinued by the expiration of the lease of the building, the 1st of May next. The details of its working, as reported to me by the superintendent, will soon be laid before you. From the amount appropriated, there has been expended on account of this Soldier's Depot, and at the various agencies, under the general superintendent, since the 1st of January last, the sum of one hundred and thirty thousand dollars. The amount overdrawn, and charged to the year 1864, and which has been paid, is ten thousand dollars, and six thousand five hundred and twenty dollars has been paid on account of the Gettysburg Cemetery; leaving unexpended, of the two hundred thousand dollars appropriated, sixty-three thousand four hundred and eighty dollars; which balance, it is thought, will be sufficient to attain the object contemplated by the law.

MILITARY DEPARTMENTS.

By the late Adjutant-General's Report of Dec. 31, 1864, the organized force of the National Guard numbered 46,910 officers and men, comprised in—

108 Regiments,
2 Battalions,
8 Batteries,

which included the militia organization existing at the time and prior to the organization of the National Guard. But 14,131 men were reported as uniformed and equipped. The organized force, authorized in time of peace, by the law of 1862 was fixed at 30,000. In view of the fact that a much larger force was already organized, and that the arms-bearing population of the State would warrant an organization of at least 50,000, the last Legislature removed the restriction, leaving the number without limit, and appropriating $500,000 to meet outlay in this behalf. It was believed the expenditure of this appropriation would secure the complete equipment of 30,000 men, inclusive of the 14,000 already equipped. Of the $500,000 so appropriated, $236,000 only has been expended for this object, owing to the inability of the Comptroller, as stated to me, to furnish a larger sum for that purpose. In order to meet pressing demands for equipments beyond what could be purchased with the limited amount of the appropriation allowed to be expended, the Quartermaster-General was directed to issue United States clothing in his custody, which was receipted for on the part of the State. The following summary presents the number and condition of the National Guard organization since the last muster and inspection, viz.:—

112 Regiments.
3 Independent Battalions.
5 Batteries.

Aggregate force of officers and men uniformed and equipped, 28,000. No great addition to the number of organized men has been made. In no case has a draft been authorized, either to create or complete an organization, nor has any special inducement been held out to encourage volunteering. On the contrary, owing to the want of equipments with which to provide the force to the extent already urgently demanded, additions to it have been, in some degree, discouraged. The increase during the year was largely made up of veteran officers and soldiers of the late war, who, from their practical military experience, tend to improve the *morale* of the organizations with which they become connected.

I submit for your consideration the question of providing, by suitable appropriation, for a general encampment of the National Guard of the State during the coming season, for the purpose of inspection, instruction, comparison and improvement of the several organizations comprising it. It is an object of common concern to increase the spirit of emulation and pride, to foster and sustain, in all proper ways, this branch of the public interest, and do whatever we reasonably can to perfect and make adequate the military for all the emergencies which justified its creation and existence. Our northern frontier, forming a prominent part of the boundary between the United States and the British dominions, the importance of having a sufficient force to protect and defend this extended border at all times will be readily recognized. Heretofore the policy of the general government has been to rely upon the militia of the several States for all extraordinary exigencies. The neglect and abuses into which these State systems had everywhere fallen, not only compelled the adoption, in the emergency of the late rebellion, of a national system, but undoubtedly prolonged the war. It is a gratifying consideration that notwithstanding the difficulties of which they had thus to contend, the Federal authorities still find warrant in all our past experiences for depending upon the militia of the country, rather than upon large standing armies—ever so dangerous to free institutions. The States have now an opportunity, not only for justifying this confidence, but of encouraging a return to the original system, by properly performing the duty which must, in any event, devolve on them, of maintaining the discipline and efficiency of these State forces.

The last Legislature, in passing a general bounty law, which had for its main object the equalization of bounties paid by the different localities and the assumption by the State of those bounties, has given to the Paymaster-General's Department an amount of labor commensurate with the responsibilities thereby imposed. Owing to the delay attending the passage of the several amendments to perfect the original act, making the law finally operative, the bounty could not be paid directly to the soldiers, and it was determined to allow the counties, cities and towns to continue the same mode of payments, as prior to the law, until the close of recruiting. By this means the execution of the law was simplified, the several localities being paid for all credits under the act, except for a few drafted men in certain districts, which were paid in person. The amount thus reimbursed by the Paymaster-General, up to this date, is $25,589,243 96, and it is estimated that the claims outstanding and unsettled, amount to $500,000. These large sums of money have been paid with fidelity and promptness. No claimant has had just cause of complaint of delay or want of courteous attention, and the interests of the public treasury have been faithfully guarded.

The duties of the several staff officers have been responsible and important beyond ordinary periods of administration, and I take pleasure in commending their efficiency, ability, and integrity in the discharge of the trusts confided to them. Their several reports will soon be laid before you. The report of the Bureau of Military Record will also be presented. The wisdom of the State in establishing an office where especial attention could be given to the record of all important facts bearing upon the conduct of the men who ventured their lives in a contest for the vindication of the Union cannot be questioned. Information will be collected at this bureau to which official and other reference can be made in the settlement of questions that attach to life and property. The materials already accumulated under the zealous and able management of the Chief of this Bureau are of the highest importance and value. In consonance with the spirit of the law passed by your immediate predecessors, the authorities of the City of Albany have with great liberality offered an appropriate site, and the people in various sections of the State have made generous contributions of money for the erection of a suitable building for the records and trophies of the war. The opportunity will thus be afforded for the sacred preservation, in the most guarded public manner, of the momentoes of the gallant deeds and patriotic devotion of the 474,000 sons of New-York, who so promptly responded to the call of the National Government.

FINANCES AND TAXATION.

General Fund—The Comptroller's Report exhibits a deficiency of $1,179,294 96 in the revenue of this fund on the 30th September, 1865, an amount somewhat in excess of the deficiency last reported, as will more fully appear from the following statement:

Deficiency in the revenue, Sept 30, 1864	$983,814 67	
Payments of the year	12,228,515 57	
Total	$13,092,330 24	
Receipts	11,912,936 48	
Deficiency, Sept. 30, 1865	$1,179,394 06	
Other Funds—Receipts of the year on account of all the funds except the Canal Fund	$16,275,865 76	
Balance due the Treasury, Sept. 30, 1864	$85,003 77	
Payments of the year	16,098,092 21—$16,183,095 98	
Balance in Treasury Sept. 30, 1865	$90,769 79	

General Fund State Debt.

Amount of the debt, Sept 30, 1864	$4,276,954 37
Stock redeemed during the year	2,326,000 00
Amount of debt, Sept. 30, 1865	$3,950,954 37

The amount of the direct tax levied in 1865 was 4 53-80 mills, for the following purposes: For schools, ¾ of a mill; for general purposes, 2½ mills; and for canals, 1 53-80 of a mill. The State tax levied in 1864 and payable during the last fiscal year, amounted to $6,715,723 20, exclusive of ¾ of a mill school tax and county treasurer's fees.

The great expenditure of public moneys and individual capital and an increased State and National debt in conducting the military operations of the war, have given new importance to the mode of assessments. The burdens of taxation should bear equally upon the two great classes of property, real and personal. Under our present system the valuation of personal property liable to taxation is very largely intrusted to the discretion of the assessor, with limited means of knowledge, and often determined upon information necessarily crude and inaccurate, or by personal favor or prejudice; while real property with values less shifting and unfixed, and comparatively easy of ascertainment is rated without much difficulty. The effect of this imperfect method of arriving at valuations is to establish a virtual discrimination in favor of personal property to such an extent, that much of it escapes from a fair and equal proportion of the expenses of local and State government. This is manifestly unjust, and the adoption of some plan to ascertain the true state of capital, in whatever form, I cannot doubt will receive your early and thoughtful attention. I may be permitted, however, to suggest that the process of requiring tax-paying inhabitants, in each of the States, to make out on oath the balance amount and worth of their estates has proved successful, and it would seem to furnish the remedy for the defects of our system.

BANKING AND CURRENCY.

The annual report of the Superintendent of the Banking Department shows that, on the 30th day of September, 1865, there were one hundred and nine banks conducting business under the laws of the State, with an aggregate capital of $20,436,970; that one hundred and twenty banks have retired from the old system, nearly all of which have been converted into National Banks, under the provisions of the enabling act passed at the last session of the Legislature. The total amount of outstanding circulation, including that of closed and closing banks at that date, was $27,009,449, of which sum there was issued to incorporated banks, and not secured by deposit in the Bank Department, $4,136,856, and to banking associations and individual bankers, $22,872,593, secured as follows:

Bonds and mortgages	$2,067,195 00
New-York State stocks	2,225,706 00
United States stocks	9,311,350 00
Illinois State stocks	24,000 00
Cash	166,873 34
Total	$25,469,157 44

During the year the decrease in securities has been as follows:

Decrease of United States stocks	$8,528 600
Decrease of New-York State stocks	2,225 706
Decrease of Illinois State stocks	233 400
Decrease of bonds and mortgages	936 676
Total	$11,924 582

Decrease in circulation, $13,109,186, and an increase in cash of $90,215 39.

The system of a national currency, though an innovation upon the carefully devised and successful banking scheme of this State, has attracted to itself most of the banks of the country at large, and seems to have acquired the favor and confidence of the people. We discover its benefits in a uniform issue based upon the national faith, and in comparative immunity from the unsecured and unreliable paper which formerly obtained in some parts of the country, the whole system guarded by enactments that combine the wisdom and experience of the nation, to make it the most complete, as well as the most reliable system of banking ever devised.

AGRICULTURE AND MANUFACTURES.

The steady progress of the State in agriculture and manufactures affords continued encouragement to the people. The great withdrawal from the laboring forces in maintaining the military strength of the nation, seems to have found compensation at home in improvement in the implements of husbandry, and the friendly contributions of science to labor. The earth has yielded large returns to industry, supplying the wants of our armies and every deficiency of food in the Old World, and the resources of the land, in all the departments of human pursuit, have given generous response to every emergency. No less wonderful is the peaceful return of our gallant veterans to the village of the soul, the workshop, the counting-house, and the various duties of the citizen, without disturbance to the harmony of trade, or the quiet of society.

The last Legislature, in a proper spirit of liberality, accepted the munificent proposition of a prominent and philanthropic citizen of our State, and provided facilities for giving early effect to the scheme for a university, with ample endowment of public lands, which promises to elevate agriculture and the mechanic arts in the scale of science and practice. The act provides that "the income revenue and avails which shall be received from the investment of the proceeds of the sale of the lands or the scrip therefor, or of any part thereof, granted to this State by the act of Congress, shall, from time to time, as the same shall be received, be paid over to the trustees of the university." In view of the delay in locating such land scrip and the nominal value attached thereto, I suggest the propriety of conferring upon the trustees of the Cornell University authority to purchase, at a nominal rate, with the purpose of locating the same at an early day for the benefit of the institution. Such an act, framed within the purview of the law of Congress, would, doubtless, by favorable selection of land, inure to the advantage of the university, and give increased value to the liberal endowment of its founder.

EDUCATION.

The Report of the Regents of the University will present, in detail, the condition of the Colleges and Academies of the State, showing a gratifying continuance of their prosperity and usefulness.

The school system of the State continues, under the administration of the able Superintendent of Public Instruction, to increase in efficiency and importance. The report of that officer will show that there has been a gain in the aggregate number of pupils and in the regularity of their attendance; that there has been increased solicitude on the part of parents and school officers for te

MONETARY AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—Jan. 2, 1866.

$6,500	U. S. 6s, '81 C. ex int.		104⅝
4,000	U.S. 6s,5-20s, C.'62		104⅞
2,000	U.S.6s,5-20s, C.'64		102
10,000	U.S.6s,5-20s,C.'65		104⅝
14,000	do.		101⅝
30,000	U. S. 6s, 10-40s, C.		93¼
5,000	do.		93½
10,000	do. 2d call		93½
5,000	Tr. Notes, 7 3-10s. First Sec.		99⅛
20,000	do. 1st Ser.		99⅜
50,000	do. 3d Series.		98⅝
500	do.		98⅝
250,000	do.		98⅝
1,000	Mo. 6s, issued to Pacific R.		79
1,000	Missouri 6s.		76¾
10,000	Tenn. 6s, '90.		90
2,000	N. Car. 6s.		86
27,000	M. & Mo. L. G. 6s.		49
3,000	At. & G. W. 1st M. Ohio Division.		98⅜
1,000	Ill. Cen. Bs.		106
1,000	Han. & St. Jo. 1st Mtg. ex int.		86¾
70	Cen. National B'k.		108
70	West. U. Teleg'h.		51
150	do. 2d call		50¾
56	do.		50
300	Quick. Min. Co.		44⅞
100	do.		44⅝
100	Mariposa Min		14⅜
100	do.		14⅜
100	At. Mail S. Co.		133
500	N. Y. Cen. R.		97⅛
2200	do.		97⅜
400	do.		97⅜
1000	do.		97⅜
200	do.		97⅜
2200	Cleve. & Pitts.		85¾

1 o'CLOCK BOARD.

$10,000	U.S. 6s,5-20s.C.'62		105
5,000	U.S. 6s, '81 C. ex int.		104¾
30,000	Tr. Notes, 7 3-10s. Second Series.		98⅞
2,000	do. 7 3-10s. Sec.		98⅞
200	Cum. Coal Pr.		44⅞
100	Mich. S. & N. I.		75½
500	New-York Cen.		97⅛
400	do.		97⅛
1000	do.		97⅛
200	do.		97⅛
2200	Cleve. & Pitts.		85¾

2½ o'CLOCK BOARD.

$1,500	U. S. 6s, '81 C. ex int.		104½
10,000	U.S. 6s, 5-20s.C.'62		104⅝
34,000	do.		104¾
15,000	U.S.6s,5-20s.C.'65		102
1,000	Tr. Notes, 7 3-10s.		99⅝
21,000	do. Second Series.		99⅝
4,000	do. Sec. Ser.		98⅞
7,000	do. 3d Ser.		98⅜
5,000	U.S. 6s, 1 Yr. Cer. New issue.		98⅜
4,000	Tenn. 6s, '90.		88⅞
17,000	Missouri 6s		72⅞
50	Fourth Nat. Bk.		102
320	Cum. Coal Pr.		45
100	Erie Railroad		97⅛
100	do.		97⅛
100	Reading R.r.-d.		107⅛
200	do.		107⅛
100	Hud. Riv. R.		108⅛
100	Mich. S. & N. I.		75½
500	do.		75⅝
500	do.		75⅝
500	do.		75⅝
200	do.		75⅝
100	do.		75⅝
500	Chi. & N.W.Frf.		62¾
700	P., Ft. W. & C.		104
600	Erie Railroad		97⅛
100	do.		97⅛
100	do.		97⅛
1000	do.		97
200	do.		97⅛
300	do.		97⅛
400	do.		97⅛
200	do.		97⅛
100	Hud. Riv. R.		b15
100	do.		b10
200	do.		c
500	P., Ft. W. & C.		2d 104¾
250	Reading R.r.		107
100	do.		107⅛
200	do.		107⅛
40	Mich. Cen. R.		108½
500	Mich. S. & N. I.		75½
400	do.		b10
100	do.		b10
200	Ill. Cen. R.		132
2000	Cleve. & Pitts.		85¾
500	do.		c10
500	do.		b3
4000	do.		b10
1000	do.		b10
1900	do.		b10
1500	do.		85¼
700	do.		85¼
200	do.	2d call	85¾
200	Chic. & N. W.		36
100	do.		b10
100	do.		b10
100	Chi. & N.W.Pr.		62¾
300	do.		b5
300	do.		62¾
300	Chic. & N. W.		36
100	Reading R.		107
100	do.		b5
300	C. & N. W. Pref.		62
100	do.		62¼
300	Chi. & R. I.		103¾
100	do.		103¾
800	do.		103¾
200	Quicksilver		44⅝
100	Mariposa		14⅝
100	Canton		45⅝
100	Ohio Certificates		98⅝
100	American Gold		144⅝
100	Bills on London		109½

OPEN BOARD—10 A. M.

$10,000	O. & M. Cer.		28¾
200	Mariposa M. Co.		15
100	New-York Cen.		b10
200	do.		97⅝
300	do.		97⅝
100	do.		b3
100	do.		s10
300	do.		97⅛
400	Erie Railroad		97⅛
100	do.		97⅛
500	do.		97⅛
500	do.		97⅛
200	do.		97⅛
200	do.		97⅛
100	do.		97⅛
500	Reading R.r.-d.		107⅛
100	Hud. Riv. R.		108⅛
200	do.		b10
100	Mich. S. & N. I.		75½
500	do.		s3
500	do.		75⅝
500	do.		75⅝
500	do.		75⅝
200	do.		75⅝
100	Chi. & N.W.Frf.		62¾
700	P., Ft. W. & C.		104

OPEN BOARD—1 P. M.

100	N. Y. Central		97⅜
500	do.		97⅜
200	do.		97⅜
100	do.		97⅜
100	do.		97⅜
200	do.		97⅜
1000	Erie Railroad		97⅛
200	do.		97⅛
400	do.		97⅛
100	do.		97⅛
200	Hudson River R.		107⅜
500	Reading R.r.-d.		107⅛
300	do.		b3
100	do.		b10
200	do.		107⅛
900	do.		107⅛
100	do.		107⅛
100	do.		b10
500	do.		b3
100	do.		107⅛
200	do.		107⅛
100	Mich. S. & N. I.		75½
100	do.		75⅝
300	do.		s5
100	do.		b4
400	Cleve. & Pitts.		86
100	do.		b3
500	do.		85¾
2500	Cleve. & Pitts.		85⅞
12	N. Y. Central		98½
2000	do.		98
100	do.		s10
100	do.		b30
700	Reading R.		107⅛
2000	do.		107⅛
500	M. S. & N. I.		75⅝
500	do.		75⅝
200	Chi. & N. W.		36½
100	do.		36¾
100	Chi. & N.W.Pr.		62¾
100	do.		62¾
200	Chi. & R. I.		103¾
100	do.		103¾
100	Pitts., F.W.&C.		104

OPEN BOARD—3½ P. M.

100	Rutland Marble.		17½
600	N. Y. Cen.		97⅜
100	do.		97⅜
200	do.		97⅜
1800	Erie Railroad.		97⅛
100	do.		97⅛
100	Reading R.		107⅛
200	do.		107⅛
1100	M. S. & N. I. R.		75⅝
100	do.		75⅝
300	do.		75⅝
400	Cleve. & Pitts.		86
100	do.		85¾
300	Cleve. & Tol.		112
300	do.		113½
100	do.		113¾
100	do.		b10
1000	Chic. & N. W.		36⅜
100	do.		b3
100	do.		36⅜
100	do.		s5
100	do.		36⅜
100	Chi. & N. W. Pr.		62¾
100	do.		62¾
100	Pitts., F.W.&C.		104½
200	do.		104¾

TUESDAY, Jan. 2—P. M.

The Weekly Averages of the Associated Local and National Banks, for the week ending Saturday last, Dec. 30, compare as follows with the previous week, and with the corresponding week last year; to which we add the Specie and Currency balances in the New-York Office of the United States Treasury at these dates, respectively:

Increase in Loans	$873,606
Decrease in Specie	723,268
Decrease in Deposits	6,300,191
Increase in Legal-Tender	17,243,476
Increase in Circulation	361,564

	Dec. 31, 1864.	Dec. 30, 1865.	Dec. 23, 1865.
Local Capital	$69,186,762	$8,878,500	$8,878,500
National		71,807,700	71,807,700
Total in C. H.	$69,186,762	$80,686,200	$80,686,200
Loans	199,444,969		238,572,034
Specie	19,966,662		16,085,037
Deposits	147,442,071		185,021,870
Legal-Tender			53,891,520
In Sub-Treas'y	20,712,128	75,995,841	77,416,949

The National Bank Circulation reported through the Clearing-house, is as follows:

Merchants'	$349,380	Seventh Ward	$104,440
Mer. Exchange	321,668	Broadway	813,426
Commerce	1,807,885	Mercantile	298,950
Ocean	473,070	Republic	631,550
Pacific	127,191	St. Nicholas	519,023
Market	404,812	Marine	220,000
Park	2,925,400	East River	236,331
Fourth	1,372,452	Second	269,716
Central	1,226,358	Continental	476,186
Mechanics'	300,948	Importers'	473,293
New-York	398,430	Ninth	870,400
M. Association	214,625	First	361,110
Metropolitan	880,200	Am. Exchange	238,563
Commonwealth	219,427	Gallatin	348,301
Leather	130,000	Citizens'	113,173
N. America	287,905	Union	378,911
Irving	189,900	Chatham	131,667
Tradesmen's	262,930	Shoe & Leather	486,000
Phenix	151,500	Hanover	107,666
Total 38 National Banks			$17,564,970
Total 20 other National and Local Banks			635,719
Total on Clearing-house report, Dec. 30			$17,990,689
On previous report, Dec. 23			17,629,125
Increase in circulation			$361,564

The Banks hold $25,000,000 of their Legal Tender Greenbacks in the Treasury Office, on deposit at 5 per cent., returnable without notice. Part of their number have heretofore received these Certificates as Legal Tender. Others have refused only the Greenbacks in their own vaults. By the following new rule of the Clearing-House, all these Certificates are now returned as Legal Tenders:

Resolved, That the Banks be requested to include hereafter, U. [S. Clearing-house Certificates with Legal Tender Notes, in their weekly statements to the Clearing-house.

The operation of this rule upon the present Bank statement will account for about $12,000,000 of the $17,243,476 in Legal Tender. Hereafter the actual increase or decrease on all the Legal Tender (including the twenty-five millions in the Treasury Office) will be regularly shown from week to week. The present actual increase is about five millions. But the aggregate strength of the Banks in lawful money is now as follows:

Greenbacks of U. S	$71,134,996
Gold and Gold Certificates	15,331,769
Together	$86,466,765
Against:	
Deposits	$189,224,861
Circulation	17,990,689
Total	$207,215,550

The proportion is 41½ ₱ cent. The legal requirements is 25 ₱ cent.; so that the present aggregate strength of the Banks in the Clearing-house is 16½ ₱ cent. above the standard. The increase on Deposit line since last Monday is over six millions, which only reflects the increasing ease in Money that last week brought down the rate to the Brokers to six ₱ cent. The same ease continues to-day, with the addition of many of the New-Year's Dividends to the general supply of balances at the command of Wall-street.

The price of Gold is down to 144¼@¼, and the rates of Exchange on London to 109@109¼ ₱ cent. A fair business was done in the latter late in the day for Wednesday's Boston steamer. The Bullion delivered from California to-day has not been disposed of. The Gold and Silver bars will probably be taken up for next Saturday's European steamers. The exports of Domestic Produce this week, which include 14,661 bales of Cotton, are quite large, over six and a quarter millions, Currency value. The January Gold Interest payments on the Public Stocks of the United States, to-day, are $960,000. Nearly the whole amount was left with the Treasury, and large or small Gold Certificates of Deposit taken out in place of Coin.

The Stock Exchange opened firm this morning, and prices were generally strong and upward on the Railways, and steady at Saturday's advance on United States Securities, with large sales of 7.30 ₱ cents. at 99@99⅛ for the Second and Third Series, and 98⅛@⅞ for the First Series. The Gold-bearing Stocks were a small fraction cheaper at the early Board, but returned to Saturday's rates at the close of the day. The long 6 ₱ cents. of 1881 sold at 104¼, ex January Coupon. The speculative movement of last week was renewed in Erie and Pittsburgh shares early in the day, and the same feeling spread of New-York Central, Rock Island, Northwest and Fort Wayne. Reading was also firm ex dividend, and Michigan Southern disposed to an upward tendency.

At 4 o'clock the following quotations were made as compared with the last sales on Saturday, Dec. 31, the general market leaving off firm:

	Sat.	Tues.
U. S. 10-40s	93¾	93¾
U. S. 6s, '81	104⅜	104⅜
U. S. 7-30s	99⅛	99⅛
N. Y. Central	96⅞	97⅜
Erie	97⅛	97⅛
Hudson	107⅜	108⅛
Reading	106¾	107⅛
Mich. Southern	75	75⅜
Illinois Central	132	132
Pittsburgh	84¾	85¾
Prairie du Chien	96	97
Northwest	36⅞	36⅜
Northwest Pref	62	62¼
Rock Island	103⅜	103⅜
Fort Wayne	104	104⅜
Cumb'land Coal	45	45⅛
Quicksilver	44⅜	44⅝
Mariposa	14⅜	14⅜
Canton	45⅜	45⅜
Ohio Certificates	98⅜	98⅝
American Gold	144⅜	144⅝
Bills on London	109½	109

The following bids were made for the City Bank Shares:

New-York	114	Market	109
American	125	Nassau	106
Tradesmen's	135	Corn Exchange	113
Merchants' Exch'ge	102	St. Nicholas	102
Leather Manufact's	175	Commonwealth	100
State of New-York	103	Importers' & Traders'	100
Commerce	109	N. Y. Nat'al Ex. B'k	121
Mech'l. B'k'g Ass'n	100	Central National	107⅛
American Exchange	108⅛	First National	207
Chatham	130	Fourth National	102
Bank of the Republic	109	Ninth National	190
Irving	105		

And the following for the Railway Mortgages:

N. Y. Cen. 6s, 1883	92	Chi. & N. W. Int B	90
N. Y. Cen. 6s	97	Chi. & N. W. 1st M	86
N. Y. Cen. 6s, Sub'n	90	Han. & St. Jos. L. G	65½
Erie 1st M. '68	99⅜	Del. L. & W. 1st M	102
Erie 7s, 3d mort., '83	96	Del. L. & W. 2d M	102
Erie 7s, 4th mort., 1889	94⅜	Tol. & W. 1st M. Ex 6s	66
Erie 7s, 5th mort., 1868	94⅜	Gal. & Chic. Ex	100
Hud. R. 7s, conv., '67	95	Cleve. & Tol. S. Fund	68
Hud. R. 6s, '62	93	Michigan Cen. 8s (Lake)	106
Mich. C. 8 ₱ ct. '62	110½	Pitts., Ft. W. & Ch., 2d	92½
Mich. S. 7 ₱ ct., 2d m	97	Cleve & Pitts. 2d Mort.	80
Ill. Cen. R. 7s, '66	98	Chic. & Alton Sinking F.	75
Mich. S. & N. I. 7's	90	Miss. & Mo. L. G. 1st M	49
Alton & T. H. 2d M. pr.	79	Chic. & Alton Inc.	42
Chic. R. I. & Pac. 1st M.	95¾	Atlantic & G. W. 1st M.	98½
Chi. & N. W. Sink. F.	87	Pen. R. R. Bonds	74

Among the stock-firm dissolutions of the New Year we notice that of Messrs. JEROME, RIGGS & Co., Exchange-place; also, STEDMAN, EWELL & Co., Exchange-place, the business being continued by EWELL & CLARKE.

A few weeks ago we reported the organization of the North American Lloyd as a new *American* line of steamers to run between the ports of New-York and Bremen, calling at Cowes, and have now the satisfaction to state that they are ready to start in March next (as will be seen by the advertisement in our columns); the Company just having acquired the steamer *Western Metropolis*, 2,500 tons buthen, 1,000 horse-power, built in 1864, and lately carried 3,000 bales of cotton from New-Orleans. The Company are negotiating for another steamer of the same class.

We learn, from a friend of the St. Paul Railway, that that part of the old La Crosse Railroad extending from Milwaukee 95 miles to Portage City, has been purchased by Messrs. THOMPSON & SCOTT, of the Pennsylvania Central, and others, and that they have paid the decree under which it was advertised for sale. It is thus released from the control of a Receiver, and will pass into the hands of responsible railroad men. This ought to lead to an early consolidation of interests of the Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway Company, which owns a through line from Milwaukee to La Crosse by way of Watertown and Portage City. Some running arrangement, on an equitable basis, will doubtless be found conducive to the interests of all parties. The *Commercial* of this afternoon gives the following statement of the settlement, apparently from the La Crosse side itself:

"The sale of the Eastern Division of the La Crosse and Milwaukee Railroad, which was advertised to take place on Jan. 4, has been stopped by the payment on the part of its owners—the Milwaukee and Minnesota Railroad Company—of the accrued interest on the second mortgage, amounting to about $470,000. The company will now take possession under the mandate of the decree of foreclosure of the United States as a public property, and all the franchises of the late La Crosse and Milwaukee Railroad Company, which includes the 95 miles of road between the city of Milwaukee and Portage, which it owns in fee, together with the right of way over the Western Division to the Mississippi River, and all the valuable equipment of rolling stock of the late La Crosse and Milwaukee Company, except 40 box-cars, and a small portion of that purchased by the receiver. Some changes have been made in the direction, and the corporation will, in the future, be controlled by a well-known wealthy and influential Philadelphia railroad interest. The Directors are as follows:

Henry M. Alexander, President; Alexander Fleming, Vice-President; John Edgar Thomson, Philadelphia; Thomas A. Scott, Philadelphia; Matthew Baird, Philadelphia; Anthony Morris, Philadelphia; Asahel Bronson, New-York; A. C. Gunnison, New-York; A. S. Bright, New-York; Henry E. Weed, Troy."

The day's business at the office of the Assistant Treasurer of the United States was as follows: Receipts, $6,159,973 81—for Customs, $346,000; on account of Loan, $380,000; Coin Certificates, $238,780. Payments, $17,965,410 01. Balance, $64,190,404 88.

The week's exports of domestic Produce and miscellaneous goods have been to the value of $6,054,981. Included in the exports were 14,711 bales Cotton, valued at $3,328,072, of which to Liverpool there were shipped 11,173 bales, valued at $2,522,876; to Havre, 2,162 bales, valued at $493,389; to Bremen, 946 bales, valued at $213,136; and Barcelona, 430 bales, valued at $94,169.

GENERAL MARKETS.

NEW-YORK, Tuesday, Jan. 2, 1866.

The receipts of the principal kinds of Produce since our last have been 6 bbls. Ashes, 6,079 bbls. Flour, 100 bbls. and 525 bags Corn Meal, 9,447 bush. Wheat, 1,642 bush. Corn, 3,056 bush. Oats, 288 bbls. Pork, 189 pkgs. Cut Meats, 148 pkgs. Lard, 118 bbls. Beef, and 216 bbls. Whisky.

ASHES—Are quiet and nominal.

CANDLES—Have been inactive at former prices.

COFFEE—Has attracted rather more attention and been held with more firmness, including Java at 28c. @29c.; Maracaibo at 21c.@24c.; Laguayra at 21c.@23½c.; Rio at 17½c.@20½c.; Native Ceylon at 24c.@25c., and St. Domingo at 17¾c.@18½c., cash, in gold, ₱ lb.

COTTON—Has been in moderate demand at uniform prices. Middlings 62c.@63c. ₱ lb. Sales and resales since our last 2,850 bales. The week's exports add up 14,661 bales. The receipts of Cotton at this port in December 35,206 bales, making receipts for 436,678 bales since the commencement of the current Cotton year, Sept. 1, 1865. In Mr. WM. P. WRIGHT'S circular for the *Cuba*, the receipts at this port since the 27th of December are given as 27,000 bales, against sales of 18,000 bales, and exports (including to Liverpool, 4,860 bales; Havre, 3,063, Bremen, 885; Glasgow, 50,) of 7,355 bales, leaving an available supply on hand and on shipboard not cleared of 212,000 bales. The following is a statement of the movement in Cotton since the 1st of September last: Receipts at the shipping ports in the United States, 850,000; exports to Great Britain, 356,000; exports to France, 81,000; exports to other foreign ports, 13,000; total exports, 400,000; stock on hand, 491,000. Of which during the past week included in the above: Receipts at the ports, 55,000, Exports to Great Britain, 12,000 bales; exports to France, 4,000 bales; exports to other foreign ports, 1,000 bales. Total exports, 17,000 bales. Southern markets, by mail, show a steady business, with little change in rates. The inherent strength of cotton is apparent in the firmness of holders, and European buyers have come materially to their aid for the week ending Dec. 30, as known by telegraph. Factors are willing to sell a little as they go along, to pay expenses, at and about 45c. for Good Ordinary to Low Middling, and 48c.@50c. for Middling in the Gulf, but hold on to the bulk of their stock with great tenacity, and desirable lots are not to be bought at the official quotations. While quite aware that the advance in Liverpool up to Dec. 9 was based upon anticipations that were not afterward realized, holders maintain that the light export to Europe during the month of December, and the falling off in receipts which must positively set in by the middle of January, 1866, will inevitably force prices 25 ₱ cent. above present rates. With this conviction they are willing to carry as much cotton on their own account as their means will permit, and, failing the expected rise in prices, to move their stocks to Liverpool, there to take advantage of the market when the question of supply is no longer a matter of conjecture. A decline from Liverpool in the meantime is not likely to affect prices to any great extent. The clearances in the next fortnight will show perceptibly on the now heavy stocks.

Current Prices in New-York for Liverpool Classification:

	Upland.	Florida.	Mobile.	N.O.&Tex.
Ordinary, ₱ lb	41	41	42	42
Middling, ₱ lb	52	52	53	54
Middling fair, ₱ lb	58	58	59	60

DRY GOODS—The Dry Goods Exchange report, today, is as follows: Jobbers' Prices. Brown Sheetings—Standard, 34c.; Atlantic D, 32c.; Oregon D, 31c. Bleached Shirtings—Lonsdale, 48c.; Langdon, 37½c.; Reynolds A, 32½c. Prints—Sprague, 26½c.; Americana, 25c.; Allen's 24c.; Freeman, 23c. Delaines—Armures, 31c.; Pacific, 29c. Brown Drills—Pepperel, 35c.; Winthrop, 30c. Corset Jeans—Amoskeag, 39c.; Laconia, 37½c. Canton Flannels—Hamilton, 50c.; Laconia, 42½c. Kentucky Jeans—Richmond, 67½c. Hoop Skirts—Bradley's Duplex Elliptic, 20 to 50 hoops, prices unchanged. S. T. & A. T. Moyer's I X L, 1¼ inch tapes, 20 to 40 hoops, 55c.@75c.; 3 inch tapes, 20 to 40 hoops, 70c.@$1 10 Dispatches Bulletined in the New-York Dry Goods Exchange to-day: Boston—Sales moderate. No accumulation of goods. Market strong. Philadelphia—Market firm but quiet, and change in prices. Stocks generally light. Cincinnati—Market opens with a fair supply of goods, but trade is quiet, as usual at this time of year. Baltimore—No change to note in prices—little activity in the market.

FISH—The market opens tamely for all kinds, though prices exhibit no remarkable alteration.

FLOUR AND MEAL—State and Western Flour has been quiet and somewhat depressed, to-day. Shipping brands of State were in moderate request for export. The inquiry for trade and family brands was limited. Sales since our last 6,260 bbls., including very inferior to choice Superfine State and Western at $7 40 @$7 80; common to choice Extra State at $8 40 @$8 90, chiefly at $8 40@$8 60; round-hoop Extra Ohio, inferior to good shipping brands, at $8 85@$9 20 ₱ bbl. We now quote:

Superfine State and Western	$7 40 @$7 90
Extra State	8 40 @ 8 90
Extra Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, &c.	8 50 @11 25
Extra Ohio, round-hoop, ship'g brands	8 85 @ 9 25
Extra Ohio, trade and family brands	9 30 @11 75
Extra Genesee	9 00 @11 75
Poor to very choice extra Missouri	10 00 @15 75
Southern Flour is inactive and heavy. Sales since our last 450 bbls., in lots, at $9@$10 20 for poor to good, and $10 25@$15 50 for good to very choice extra brands, ₱ bbl. Canadian Flour is dull and drooping; sales 260 bbls. Extra at $8 45@$11 50 ₱ bbl. Rye Flour is in limited demand, including Superfine at $5 25@$6 25 ₱ bbl. Meal is more active, and sales of Jersey at $4 20@$4 25 for Western, $4 25@$4 35 for Jersey, and $4 60@$4 65 for Brandywine, ₱ bbl. sales 650 bbls.

GRAIN—Wheat has been quiet and irregular, sales having been confined to small lots of Milwaukee Club at $1 66, White Genesee at $2 03, and very choice Amber at $1 48, an extreme price, ₱ bushel. Corn has been inactive and depressed: sales since our last 37,500 bushels, at 89c.@94c. for unsound, and 95c. @95½c. for sound Mixed Western, in store and afloat, and 94c.@95c. for Jersey and Pennsylvania Yellow, ₱ bushel. Rye has been dull; 1,300 bushels State were sold at $1 07@$1 08. Barley and Barley Malt have been neglected. Oats are dull and heavy at previous figures, including State at 61c.@62c.; Old Western at 60c.@61c.; Jersey and Pennsylvania, at 55c.@57c.; and unsound at 50c.@56c., ₱ bushel.

HAY—North River bale has been in demand at 75c. @95c. for poor to choice, ₱ 100 lbs.

HOPS—Continue quiet at 25c.@60c. for last year's crop, and 10c.@40c. for crop of 1864, ₱ lb.

HIDES—Have been quiet, yet quoted steady.

LATHS—Have been inactive at old prices.

LEATHER—Has been in fair demand and quoted firmer, including SOLE—Oak Slaughter and salted, good Light, 35c.@39c.; Oak Slaughter and salted, good Middle, 42c.@45c.; Oak Slaughter and salted, good Heavy, 42c.@45c.; Oak Slaughter, light Cropped, good, 46c.@48c.; Oak Slaughter, middle Cropped, good, 48c.@53c.; Oak Slaughter, bellies cropped, good, 30c.@32c.; Hemlock, Buenos Ayres, &c., good Light, 35½c.@36½c.; Hemlock, Buenos Ayres, &c., good Middle, 38c.@39c.; Hemlock, Buenos Ayres, &c., good Heavy, 39c.@40c.; Hemlock, California, good Light, 33½c.@35c.; Hemlock, California, good Middle, 37½c. @38½c; Hemlock, California, good Heavy, 38c.@39c.; Hemlock, Orinoco, &c., good Light, 32c.@33½c.; Hemlock, Orinoco, &c., good Middle, 35½c.@37c.; Hemlock, Orinoco, &c., good Heavy, 38c.@34½c.; Hemlock, Orinoco and B. A. Damaged all weights, 31c. @35c.; Hemlock, Orinoco and B. A. Poor all weights, 22c.@24c. Hemlock Slaughter, in rough, 30c.@34c.; Oak Slaughter, in rough, 30c.@34c.; Oak Slaughter, in rough, Middle and Heavy, 37c.@44c., cash ₱ lb.

LUMBER—Has been inactive at unchanged quotations.

METALS—Have been in very moderate request since our last, including Ingot Copper at 41½c.@43c. ₱ lb.; No. 1 American Pig Iron, $45@$47 50; No. 2, $43@$49; Scotch Pig, $50@$52; English and American Bar Iron, refined, $110@$125 ₱ ton; Pig Lead at equal to $9 75@$10 ₱ 100 lbs.; Spelter at 10¾c.@ 10¾c. ₱ lb.; Straits Tin at 50¾c.@51¼c., in gold, and Banca Tin at 28¼c.@28½c., in gold, ₱ lb.; Sheet Zinc, 15c.@16c. ₱ lb.

MOLASSES—Has been dull and nominal.

NAVAL STORES—Have been sparingly purchased, including Spirits Turpentine at $1@$1 05 @ gallon; Crude do., at $8@$8 75; Resin at $6 37½@$21 ₱ 280 lbs.; Tar $3@$4 50 ₱ bbl.

OILS—Have been inactive at about former prices, including Crude Whale at $1 58@$1 60; Bleached do. at $1 65@$1 70; Crude Sperm at $2 45@$2 50; Unbleached do. at $2 60@$2 65; Lard Oil at $1 95@ $2 10; Red Oil at $1@$1 10; Linseed Oil at $1 43@ $1 44; Olive at $1 80@$1 90 ₱ gallon.

NEW BEDFORD OIL MARKET—FOR WEEK ENDING JAN. 1. —The market for both Sperm and Whale Oil is firm. The sales of the week are 195 bbls. Sperm ex *Acaso*, at $245 ₱ gallon, and 300 do. California Gray Whale at a price not transpired, all for manufacturing.

Imports of Sperm and Whale Oil and Whalebone into the United States.

	Sperm.	Whale.	Bone.
From Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1865	34,632	75,973	618,800
Same time last year	65,064	71,767	762,650

[*Whalemen's Shipping List.*

PETROLEUM—Continues inactive at 40c.@41c. for Crude; 62½c.@63c. for Refined, in bond; and 82c.@ 83c. for do. free ₱ gallon.

PROVISIONS—Pork has been quiet to-day at reduced prices. Sales since our last of 3,400 bbls., at $30 50 for new Mess, $28 25@$28 50 for one year old Mess; $24 25@$24 50 for new Prime Mess; and $23 for new Prime ₱ bbl. Also 2,250 bbls. New Mess, for January, February and March, sellers' options, at $29 @$29 75 ₱ bbl. Beef is Meats have been active at 11c. @13c. for Shoulders, and 13½c.@16c. for Hams. Bacon continues quiet and nominal. Dressed Hogs are quite heavy at 10½c.@12c. ₱ lb. Lard continues quiet. Sales 450 tcs. and bbls. at 16¼c.@19½c., ₱ lb. Beef is dull to-day. Alderson Moore's Turton Mess, Sidney, Ely, Byers, Brice, Lowe, Varnum, O'Brien, McGinnis, Van Voorhis—13.

Negative—Aldermen Coman, McBrien, Flynn, Shannon—5.

Alderman Flynn moved that this board do now adjourn.

Which was carried.

And the President announced that the board stood adjourned until Monday next, eighth instant, at two o'clock P. M.

D. T. VALENTINE, Clerk.

[OFFICIAL.]

BOARD OF COUNCILMEN.

STATED SESSION.

SATURDAY, Dec. 30, 1865—11 o'clock A. M.

The board met, pursuant to adjournment, in their Chamber, No. 18 City Hall.

Present—James Hayes, Esq., President, in the chair, and the following members:

Councilmen Keenan, Stacom, Hagerty, Koster, Kenney, Brady, Houghtalin, Leavy, McGrath, Green, Lent, Smith, O'Callaghan, Russell, Joyce, Reilly, Fitzgerald, Cook—29.

The minutes of meetings held December twenty-eight and twenty-nine were read and approved.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Councilman Stacom—

Resolved, That the name of Alfred Burnham, number one hundred and fourteen Madison-street, be placed on the list of blind persons entitled to receive the donation of fifty dollars donated by the Common Council.

Which was adopted.

By Councilman Patterson—

Resolved, That the salaries of Daniel D. Terry and George Taylor, in the list of Commissioners of Deeds recently appointed, be altered so as to read David D. Terry and George Taylor.

Which was adopted.

PAPERS FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to place the names of Sarah Ann Crookerron, residing at number one hundred and eight Forty-second-street; also John Connolly, residing at number two hundred and ninety-seven West Seventeenth-street, on the list of blind persons.

By Board of Aldermen, referred to the Comptroller with power.)

Which was concurred in.

Payable relative to increase of salaries of Inspectors of Sewers, and resolution as follows:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized to pay to the aforesaid Inspectors of Sewers the amount of salary provided for and specified in said resolution, in accordance with the requirements of the same, from the City Contingent Fund, or any other unexpended appropriation.

Which was concurred in by unanimous consent by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Keenan, Healy, Robinson, Stacom, Hagerty, Hayes, Koster, Kenney, Brinkman, Brady, Houghtalin, Leavy, McGrath, Greene, Lent, Smith, O'Callaghan, Russell, Joyce, Reilly, Fitzgerald, Cook—21.

AN ORDINANCE

TO AMEND ARTICLE THREE OF CHAPTER ONE OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF ONE THOUSAND EIGHTY HUNDRED AND FIFTY-NINE.

*The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York in Common Council convened, do

authorized and directed to draw his warrant in favor of Patrick Garrick, for the sum of three hundred dollars, to be in full for loss and damage sustained by him by reason of a non-compliance on the part of the city with terms of lease of premises number one hundred and five Worth-street, as a temporary location for Engine Company number Twenty-one, the amount to be charged by the Comptroller to the account of City Contingencies.

Councilman Patterson moved that said paper be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Which was so ordered.

And the paper was laid over.

REPORTS.

Report of Committee of Conference on the ordinance making further appropriations for the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five.

In connection therewith a communication was presented from the Comptroller relative to the appropriations asked for, as follows:

CITY OF NEW-YORK, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, Dec. 30, 1865.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN: I respectfully call the attention of your honorable body to the ordinance making the annual appropriations for the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five.

In respect to the items embraced in such ordinance which did not receive your sanction, I submit the following explanations, which I trust will be sufficient to convince your honorable body of the necessity of ratifying the ordinance as submitted by this department and passed by the Board of Councilmen.

Miscellaneous—Additional appropriations do not increase the Tax-Levy for the present year, as they were duly authorized by the Legislature, and included in the ordinance of the Supervisors, passed September twenty, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five.

The items referred to are as follows, viz.:

Opening New Streets.—This item is to cover the expenses of opening new streets, under ordinances of the Common Council, where the reports of the Commissioners have failed to be confirmed by the Supreme Court.

Completion of City Laws and Ordinances.—The compilation of the laws and ordinances was authorized by a resolution of the Common Council, and under said resolution the Counsel to the Corporation prosecuted the work, the first volume of which has been published and is valuable for reference.

Controversy in Relation to the Street Commissioner.—The amount under this head was included by the Legislature, based on a report of a committee of the Board of Aldermen. A mandamus has been issued in this case by the Supreme Court, which makes it indispensable that the amount should be appropriated.

Opening Seventh-avenue.—The sum required for this purpose is to meet any deficiency that may occur between the awards for lands taken and the assessment for benefit. The amount to be supplied to the trust funds.

Madison Park Iron Railing.—It was considered necessary that this park should be newly fenced and this appropriation was recommended and granted by the Legislature for that purpose.

Twenty-ninth Precinct Station-house.—This appropriation is for building a new station-house, including purchase of land in the Twenty-ninth Precinct.

Judgments.—This item was to provide for judgments in favor of Spencer Gregory and John Mulcahey, for removing night-soil, several years ago, under the direction of the City Inspector.

Seventh-street Regulating.—This is for settlement of an old contract, under a special act of the Legislature. The sum agreed upon was fixed at four thousand two hundred and fifty dollars. A mandamus was issued, compelling payment of the same.

Metropolitan Fire Department Fund.—Upon the decision of the Court of Appeals, declaring the constitutionality of the Metropolitan Fire Department, the estimates were made for the expenses of the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, and approved by the Auditing Committee constituted by said act. Your honorable body not meeting for the transaction of business for several months, the Comptroller was under the necessity of advancing funds for this purpose, in anticipation of the action of the Common Council, and to avoid litigation, for an appropriation to be made to cover the expenses incurred.

Cleaning Streets.—The additional sum required under this head is made necessary by expenses incurred by the City Inspector, prior to work under the contract.

The items for use of the Croton Board were considered necessary by the Legislature.

I would here state that if any of the appropriations do not meet with the approval of your board, the Comptroller would request that a resolution be passed for reconsideration of your views, which would receive respectful attention.

Respectfully submitted,

MATTHEW T. BRENNAN, Comptroller.

Which was ordered on file.

The report of the Conference Committee was then adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Keenan, Healy, Robinson, Slocom, Hayes, Koster, Kenney, Brinkman, Brady, Patterson, Houghtaling, Leavy, McGrath, Green, Lent, O'Callaghan, Russell, Joyce, Reilly, Fitzgerald, Cook—21.

COMMITTEE TO WAIT UPON HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

Councilman Lent moved that a committee of three be appointed to wait upon His Honor the Mayor, and inform him that this board was about to adjourn sine die.

Which was carried.

The President pro tem. appointed as such committee Councilmen Lent, Slocom and Russell.

The committee then retired to discharge the duty assigned them.

COMMITTEE TO WAIT UPON THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Councilman Patterson moved that a similar committee be appointed to wait upon the Board of Aldermen and inform them that this board was about to adjourn sine die.

Which was carried.

The President pro tem. appointed as such committee, Councilmen Patterson, Robinson and Brinkman.

The committee then retired to discharge the duty assigned them.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

The committee to wait on the Board of Aldermen subsequently returned and reported, through their chairman (Councilman Patterson,) that they had discharged the duty assigned them, and that his Honor requests that the Board of Councilmen remain in session until the Board of Aldermen shall be ready to adjourn.

The report was received and the committee discharged.

The committee appointed to wait on His Honor the Mayor, subsequently returned and, through their Chairman, (Councilman Lent,) reported that they had discharged the duty assigned them, and that his Honor requests that the Board of Councilmen remain in session until the Board of Aldermen shall be ready to adjourn.

The report was received and the committee discharged.

RESOLUTIONS COMPLIMENTARY TO THE PRESIDENT.

Councilman Lent said: Mr. President, the period for which we were elected members of the Board of Councilmen is about to terminate, and it has been the custom of the retiring board to recognize, in some manner, the services of their presiding officer. To me the pleasant duty has been entrusted of offering, for the consideration of this board, a resolution complimentary to our President, for the efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office. And I can say, without fear of contradiction, that from the commencement of the year to the present time, nothing has been done by him to wound the feelings of any of us; that from him, at all times, the meanest and humblest of the members has at all times received consideration and respect. I do not offer this resolution as an empty compliment. I indorse sincerely every word contained in it, and I know that my associates will join me in saying that, as a man, our President has well deserved the compliments contained in the resolution which I am about to offer.

We are all to-day, by the votes of the people, who has been elected to legislate for them in a higher branch of the government. Many of us will now retire to private life; perhaps we will never meet in this place certainly not in the legislative halls of this city. I know that we shall part with the kindest feelings toward each other, but especially toward our presiding officer, by whom everything like harmony and the promotion of good feeling between the members since the hour when he was elected our presiding officer.

With these few remarks, I desire to offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of this board be and are hereby tendered to the Hon. James Fiske, for the very able, dignified, courteous and impartial manner in which he has discharged the duties of presiding officer of the Board of Councilmen during the year 1865; and that he carries with him in his retirement from this board of the Board of Supervisors, the most fervent wishes of his fellow-members for his future prosperity and happiness.

Councilman Joyce then moved that the resolution offered by Councilman Lent, it is proper I should say I have known the gentleman for a number of years, I think seven or more, during which he was President of this board; and I think that he has conducted the business of the board as well as it could possibly be done. As a former board, when we had a small majority, he, being President, always took care of the rights of the minority, as a good presiding officer should do. I am gratified to se my friend (Councilman Lent) offering this resolution; it could come from no other with better grace, and shows how an irel the character and course of our President are appreciated.

Councilman GREEN said—I can hardly allow a vote to be taken on that resolution without saying a single word, if being one of the small minority of this board. I fully indorse all that is contained in that resolution, and has been said by Councilman Lent. As an evidence of the impartiality with which the President has presided over our deliberations, I would refer to the fact that not a single ruling has been made by the President of this board during the past year from which an appeal has been taken, which I think goes to show that the President has discharged his duty not only with impartiality, but with ability; for I am sure that if any of us had been aggrieved by any ruling of the President, we should have appealed from that decision, and endeavored to have had it reversed. Everything has been done in decency and in order, so far as the President is concerned, and I know that when he leaves his position, he shall not only carry away with him our best wishes, but that we shall also ever feel kindly toward him, whatever position he may be called on to fill.

The Clerk put the question on the adoption of said resolution, and it was unanimously decided in the affirmative.

The President said:

GENTLEMEN OF THE BOARD OF COUNCILMEN: For this expression of your esteem and regard, as well as in consideration of my acts as your presiding officer for the past year, be pleased to accept my sincere thanks.

To have succeeded in my efforts to discharge the delicate duties of presiding over your deliberations as to meet your approval is extremely gratifying to me, and rest assured I shall ever hold this manifestation of your good-will in the highest regard.

Councilman Lent also moved that the resolution just adopted be appropriately engrossed and framed by the Clerk, and presented to the President.

RESOLUTION COMPLIMENTARY TO THE REPORTERS.

By Councilman Cook:

Resolved, That the thanks of this board be and they are hereby tendered to the reporters, for the able and efficient manner in which they have reported the proceedings of the Board of Councilmen for the past year.

Which was unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTION COMPLIMENTARY TO THE CLERK.

Councilman Patterson said: I regret very much, Mr. President, in presenting the resolution I hold in my hand, that the absence of the Clerk is in consequence of which he has been unable to be present with us but little in the discharge of his duty; but I beg leave, in relation to him, and indeed all the clerks of the board, after one year's acquaintance with them, and from what you know of me, I suppose you will be willing to believe me, what I state is said conscientiously, that I have been highly gratified in find the Clerk since I have been here, as efficient and gentlemanly as could wish. This is not merely a formal, complimentary resolution. I mean it. Whatever people may have said of the Board of Councilmen, if there were, they would say that at least this board had evinced freedom in the choice of their clerks. Perhaps in would be scarcely in order for me to allude to one small man among them, but I should like to say something of a pleasant little man, who, whenever I have asked him anything, has answered me with a smile, and has not acted with that sort of feeling which says, "I will do it, but don't like to do it," and which comes so ungraciously; and it has been done in the most cheerful, quiet, genial manner as far as I have had anything to do with all of the clerks. I have seen everything well and cheerfully done. I move the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of this board be and they are hereby tendered to the Clerk of this board and his assistants for the faithful and courteous manner in which they have discharged their duties during the past year.

Which was unanimously adopted.

COMMITTEE FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The President here announced the choice.

A committee from the Board of Aldermen was announced, and received by the members of the Board of Councilmen standing.

Aldermen Jeremiah, McKnight and Shannon were then received at the bar of the house, and Alderman Cornell subsequently appeared and had been appointed by the Board of Aldermen a committee to announce that the Board of Aldermen desire that the Board of Councilmen would remain in session a short time, as the Board of Aldermen might have some further communication to make.

The committee then retired.

After some delay,

Councilman Patterson moved that the board do now adjourn *sine die*.

Previous to putting the question, the President directed that the remainder of the minutes be read.

The same were read and the same were approved.

The President then put the question on the motion to adjourn *sine die*.

Which was carried.

And the President announced that the Board of Councilmen for the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five stood adjourned *sine die*.

EDWIN M. HAGERTY, Clerk.

COPARTNERSHIP NOTICES.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION.

The firm of STURGES, BENNET & CO. is this day dissolved by mutual consent. JOSIAH S. BENNET retires from business. The remaining partners will sign in liquidation.

JONATHAN STURGES,
JOSIAH S. BENNET,
BENJAMIN G. ARNOLD,
FREDERICK STURGES.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1865.

NOTICE OF COPARTNERSHIP.

No. 125 FRONT-ST., NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1866.

The undersigned have formed a copartnership under the firm of STURGES, ARNOLD & CO.

JONATHAN STURGES,
BENJAMIN G. ARNOLD,
FREDERICK STURGES,
EDWARD STURGES.

COPARTNERSHIP NOTICE.

We have this day admitted ROBERT MURRAY FERRIS and JOHN WOOD, Jr., into partnership with us, and will continue the business under the firm of MURRAY, FERRIS & CO. Either partner will sign the name of our late firm in liquidation.

MURRAY & REPHEW.

Nos. 61 AND 62 SOUTH-ST., NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1866.

COPARTNERSHIP NOTICE.

The undersigned have formed a copartnership for the purpose of conducting a general Exchange and Banking business in the City of New-York and Richmond, Va., under the style of W. T. PURCELL & CO., in Richmond, Va., and HART & PURCELL, in New-York. Offices No. 74 Broadway and No. 9 New-st.

BENJAMIN HART,
C. W. PURCELL.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1866.

LIMITED PARTNERSHIP.—NOTICE IS hereby given that the limited partnership heretofore formed by the undersigned, to be conducted under the name or firm of DAVID VALENTINE, will by mutual consent be dissolved on the first day of January, A. D. 1866.

DATED NEW-YORK, Dec. 29, 1865.

DAVID VALENTINE, General Partner.
JOHN A. WILSON, } Special Partners.
J. F. COLE, }

LIMITED PARTNERSHIP.—The undersigned, desirous of forming a limited partnership, pursuant to the laws of the State of New-York, do certify that—

The name or firm under which such partnership is to be conducted is DAVID VALENTINE & COMPANY.

The general nature of the business intended to be transacted is importing, buying and selling dry goods on their own account and on commission.

The names of all the general and special partners interested therein are: DAVID VALENTINE, who resides in the City of New-York; FREDERICK A. MACY, who resides in Factoryville, Staten Island, and CHARLES C. KEELER, who resides in the City of New-York, all general partners; and JOHN A. WILSON, who resides in the City of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, the special partner.

The amount of capital which said WILSON, the special partner, has contributed to the common stock is $75,000 in cash.

The period at which the partnership is to commence is the 16t day of January, in the year 1866, and the period at which it will terminate is the 1st day of January, in the year 1871.

In witness whereof we have hereunto severally signed our names at the City of New-York, this 29th day of December, 1865.

DAVID VALENTINE,
FREDERICK A. MACY,
CHARLES C. KEELER,
JOHN A. WILSON.

{ U. S. Int. Rev. stamp, 5 cents, canceled.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE THIS DAY formed a copartnership for the transaction of the exchange and banking business in this city, Charleston, and Savannah.

DATED NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1866.

CONDY, SHERMAN & CO.,
No. 17 Nassau-st., New-York.
D. JENNINGS & CO.,
Charleston, S. C.,
WM. M. TUNNO & CO.,
Savannah, Ga.,
S. H. CONDICT, New-York.
BYERLEY SHERMAN, New-York,
DAVID JENNINGS,
Charleston, S. C.,
WM. M. TUNNO, Savannah, Ga.
SHERMAN BROS. & CO.,
No. 41 Warren-st.

THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing between the undersigned under the name of HUBBELL, VALE & MACFARLANE, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. Either partner will sign in liquidation.

GAYLORD E. HUBBELL,
PERRINE VALE,
JOHN M. MACFARLANE.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 30, 1865.

The undersigned have this day formed a copartnership under the name or YALE, MACFARLANE & CO., and will continue the hardware and cutlery business of the late firm of HUBBELL, VALE & MACFARLANE, at No. 46 Warren-st.

PERRINE YALE,
JOHN M. MACFARLANE,
EDWARD M. INGOLDSBY.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1866.

DISSOLUTION.—THE FIRM OF STEDMAN, EWELL & CO. is this day dissolved by its own limitation. The accounts will be settled by Messrs. J. N. EWELL and CHS. E. CLARKE, Jr., who succeed to the business under the firm of EWELL & CLARKE.

E. C. STEDMAN,
J. N. EWELL,
CHS. E. CLARKE, Jr.,
T. M. NEWBOULD.

No. 57 EXCHANGE-PLACE, NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1865.

COPARTNERSHIP.—The undersigned have this day formed a limited copartnership for the transaction of the banking business, under the firm of EWELL & CLARKE, succeeding to the business and offices of the late firm of STEDMAN, EWELL & CO.

J. N. EWELL,
CHS. E. CLARKE, Jr.

No. 57 EXCHANGE-PLACE, NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1866.

COPARTNERSHIP.—THE UNDERSIGNED have this day formed a copartnership under the style of FARNHAM, LIBBEY & CO., for the transaction of the dry goods commission business in No. 5 Leonard-st., Boston, and have taken stores No. 69 Leonard-st., New-York, and Nos. 143 and 149 Devonshire-st., Boston.

FARNHAM, KIRKHAM & CO.,
Philadelphia.
HORATIO N. SHANNON,
GRODNER G. GILBERT, Jr.,
CHARLES B. ARDLE,
New-York.
WILLIAM H. BALDWIN,
Boston.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1866.

THE SPECIAL COPARTNERSHIP heretofore existing under the name and firm of BURDETT & EVERIT, expires this day by limitation.

CHARLES P. BURDETT,
RICHARD M. EVERIT,
SAMUEL G. POND.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1865.

The undersigned have this day formed a copartnership, and will continue business under the name and firm of BURDETT, EVERIT & CO.

CHARLES P. BURDETT,
RICHARD M. EVERIT,
SAMUEL G. POND.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1866.

NOTICE.—THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOfore existing between the subscribers under the firm of REEVE, CASE & BANKS is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

HENRY G. REEVE,
BENJAMIN R. CASE,
HENRY W. BANKS,
CHARLES R. REEVE.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 30, 1865.

COPARTNERSHIP.—The undersigned have this day formed a copartnership under the firm of REEVE, CASE & CO., and will continue the business of the old firm at Nos. 67 and 69 Front-st.

HENRY G. REEVE,
MENZIES R. CASE,
CHARLES R. REEVE,
EDWIN A. CLARK.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1866.

COPARTNERSHIP NOTICE.—THE UNdersigned have this day formed a copartnership, for the purpose of importing and jobbing silk and fancy dry goods, under the firm name of HURD, CURRAN & CO., at No. 83 Leonard-st., said copartnership commencing Jan. 1, 1866, and expiring Dec. 31, 1868.

FREDERICK N. HURD,
JOHN P. RICE.
HUGH McC. CURRAN,
MANNING A. GOODWIN,
LANCING WALDEN,
JOHN T. MONTROSS,
CHRISTOPHER S. CHAMPLIN.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1866.

COPARTNERSHIP.—I HAVE THIS DAY taken my son, JOHN W. OLIVER, into partnership, under the firm of ISAAC J. OLIVER & SON.

ISAAC J. OLIVER.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1866.

In addition to our printing business, we have connected ed that of stationers, lithographers and blank-book manufacturers, at the old stand, No. 33 Beekman-st. Call and examine our stock. Established in 1826.

ISAAC J. OLIVER.
JOHN W. OLIVER.

THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOfore existing under the firm of S. F. JOHNSON & CO. is this day dissolved by limitation.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1865.

The undersigned have this day formed a copartnership under the firm name of JOHNSON, GRIFFEN & WOOD, and will continue the importing and jobbing of fancy goods, hosiery, &c., at No. 46 Worth-st.

S. FISHER JOHNSON,
HENRY GRIFFEN.
WILLIAM WOOD.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1866.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE THIS DAY formed a copartnership under the firm of SHAW, BROTHERS & WIGHT, for the transaction of a Commission business in the sale of domestic and foreign dry goods, No. 45 Park-place.

WILLIAM SHAW,
HENRY SHAW,
EDWARD WIGHT.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1866.

OFFICE OF WILMERDING, CORNWELL & HECKSCHER, No. 5 NEW-ST., NEW-YORK, Dec. 30, 1865.

THE FIRM OF WILMERDING, CORNWELL & HECKSCHER is this day dissolved by mutual consent. The business of the firm will be settled by any of the partners, at No. 5 New-st.

JOHN C. WILMERDING,
CHARLES R. CORNWELL,
JOHN G. HECKSCHER.

NOTICE.—THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOfore existing under the firm of PARK & SEAMAN is dissolved by the death of Mr. CHARLES F. PARK. The business of the late firm will be settled by the surviving partner and continued at the same place, Nos. 117 and 119 West-st., New-York.

ROBERT SEAMAN.

NOTICE.—CHARLES McDOUGALL AND GILBERT PRESBREY are admitted from this date by mutual consent. HENRY W. BANKS, CLARENCE C. HARD and PETER G. LECOUR, are associated with us as partners from this date.

PRESBREY, BARTON, SHELDON & CO.

NEW-YORK, April 1, 1865.

NOTICE.—J. WARREN ROGERS, HAVING associated with him THEODORE ROGERS, has resumed the Stock Commission Business, under the firm of J. WARREN ROGERS & Co., office No. 14 Broadst.

J. WARREN ROGERS,
THEODORE ROGERS.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1866.

MR. CHARLES E. MILNOR, (OF THE late firm of BABCOCK & MILNOR,) is admitted a partner in our firm from this date.

L. P. MORTON & CO.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1866.

NOTICE.—MR. C. BUTTEROTT RETIRES from our business, on account of ill-health. Mr. THOMAS ACHELIS, Jr., has been admitted partner from this date.

FRED. VICTOR & ACHELIS.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1866.

I HAVE THIS DAY ADMITTED WM. L. BULL to a partnership with me. The business will be carried on under the firm of EDWARD SWEET & CO.

EDWARD SWEET.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 2, 1866.

CYRUS A. SMITH, LATE CASHIER OF the Importers' and Traders' National Bank, is this day admitted as a partner in our house, the firm name remaining as heretofore.

F. W. DEVOE & CO.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1866.

MR. OSCAR SIMMONS AND MR. B. FRANK MILLS are admitted as partners in our business from this date.

R. S. MILLS & CO.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1866.

MR. GEORGE B. BURNETT IS ADMITTED as a partner in our firm from this date.

D. P. CLARK & BROS.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1866.

THOMAS LANE IS THIS DAY ADMITTED a partner in our firm.

HODGES & POWERS.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 2, 1866.

COPARTNERSHIP NOTICES.

DISSOLUTION OF COPARTNERSHIP.

The copartnership heretofore existing under the firm name of LAWRENCE, KINGSBURY & KINGSBURY, in the Straw Goods, Hat and Fur business, terminated by limitation on the 31st day of December, 1865. Either partner will sign in liquidation.

BENJAMIN LAWRENCE,
JAMES M. GRIGGS,
J. A. KINGSBURY.

JAN. 2, 1866.

Whereas, Samuel N. Kingsbury, Edwin E. Abbott, Ferdinand H. Griggs, John W. Gay, Alexander Hulett, Daniel H. Lawrence, James M. Griggs, and John A. Kingsbury, have agreed to become copartners in trade and business under the statute in relation to limited partnerships, for the purpose, and upon the terms, conditions and provisions and with the powers and liabilities in such cases made and provided, the parties aforesaid do hereby certify:

1. The name or firm under which such partnership is to be conducted, will be KINGSBURY, ABBOTT & COMPANY.

2. The nature of the business intended to be transacted by the partnership, is the buying, selling and trading in straw goods, millinery goods, hats, caps, furs and skins; umbrellas, parasols, and such other articles as are usually sold in such business, and also in the manufacturing of fancy furs and caps. The principal place of business being in the City and County of New-York.

3. The general partners are Samuel N. Kingsbury, of Jersey City, in the State of New-Jersey; Edwin E. Abbott, of the City of New-York; Ferdinand H. Griggs, of Penn Yan, in the State of New-York; John W. Gay, of the City of Brooklyn, State of New-York; and Alexander Hulett, of Milton, in the State of New-York, and the special partners are Daniel H. Lawrence, of the City of New-York; James M. Griggs, of the City of Brooklyn, in the State of New-York, and John A. Kingsbury, of Jersey City, State of New-Jersey.

4. The amount of capital which each special partner has contributed to the common stock is twenty thousand dollars, cash.

Daniel H. Lawrence, $20,000; James M. Griggs, $20,000; John A. Kingsbury, $20,000.

5. The partnership commences on the 2d day of January, 1866, and to continue until, and terminate on, the 31st day of December, in the year 1868.

DANIEL H. LAWRENCE,
JAMES M. GRIGGS,
JOHN A. KINGSBURY,
EDWIN E. ABBOTT,
FERDINAND H. GRIGGS,
JOHN W. GAY,
ALEXANDER HULETT,
DANIEL H. LAWRENCE,
JAMES M. GRIGGS,
JOHN A. KINGSBURY.

{ General Partners. { Special Partners.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 2, 1866.

DISSOLUTION.

The copartnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, under the firm name of FARRINGTON, LEONARD & CO., is this day dissolved by mutual consent. The books of the late firm will be left with the undersigned at No. 115 Broadway. Either partner will sign in liquidation.

HARVEY FARRINGTON,
WM. B. LEONARD,
GEORGE B. FARRINGTON.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1865.

COPARTNERSHIP.

The undersigned have this day formed a copartnership and will continue the business of the late firm of No. 115 Broadway, under the firm name of H. & G. B. FARRINGTON.

HARVEY FARRINGTON,
GEORGE B. FARRINGTON.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1866.

COPARTNERSHIP.

The undersigned have this day formed a copartnership for the transaction of a domestic dry goods commission business, under the firm name of LEONARD, SCHOFIELD & CO., at No. 41 White-st., New-York, and Nos. 223 and 225 Chestnut-st., Philadelphia.

(Signed) W. B. LEONARD,
H. B. SCHOFIELD,
JOHN R. RHOADES.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1866.

DISSOLUTION.

The copartnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, under the name of HUNTINGTON, SCHOFIELD & CO., was dissolved on the 31st day of December, 1865, by its own limitation. The name of the late firm will be used in settlement, by either partner, at No. 104 Chestnut-st.

(Signed) F. H. HEMSLEY,
H. B. SCHOFIELD,
ALEX. BRADLEY.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 1, 1866.

DISSOLUTION.—THE FIRM OF N. B. TAYLOR & CO. is this day dissolved by mutual consent. The affairs of the firm will be settled by either of the partners at No. 12 Park-place.

N. B. TAYLOR,
JOHN H. FROST,
C. B. DAVENPORT.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1, 1866.

NOTICE OF LIMITED COPARTNERSHIP.

State of New-York, City and County of New-York: This is to certify that the undersigned have formed a limited partnership pursuant to the provisions of the Revised Statutes of the State of New-York in relation to the formation of limited partnerships, and the several acts amending the same, under the name or firm of FROST & DAVENPORT. That the general nature of the business to be transacted is the importing, jobbing and dealing in fancy goods. That the name or firm of C. B. DAVENPORT, both of the City of Brooklyn, in the State of New-York, are the general partners. That E. R. TAYLOR, who resides in the City and county of Essex and State of New-Jersey, is the special partner. That the said N. B. TAYLOR has contributed the sum of fifty thousand dollars as capital towards the common stock of said firm; and that said partnership is to commence on the second day of January, 1866, and to terminate on the 31st day of December in the same year.

JOHN FROST,
C. B. DAVENPORT,
N. B. TAYLOR,
E. R. TAYLOR.

{ General Partners. Special Partner.

Dated New York, this 2d day of January, 1866.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, IN CONformity to statute, that the firm of ANDREWS, LEST & HARRETT, composed of Wesley R. Andrews, Henry C. Lest and James M. Barrett as general partners, and Daniel H. Lawrence and John A. Kingsbury as special partners, heretofore engaged in the business of buying and selling and trading in fancy goods and Yankee notions, and such goods as are usually connected with such business in the City of New-York, is this day by mutual consent dissolved.

Said Wesley R. Andrews and Henry C. Lest are authorized to settle, liquidate and wind up the business of said firm, and do all things necessary therein.

Dated NEW-YORK, Jan. 2, 1866.

WESLEY R. ANDREWS,
HENRY C. LEST,
JAMES M. BARRETT,
DANIEL H. LAWRENCE,
JAMES M. GRIGGS,
JOHN A. KINGSBURY.

{ Special Partners.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned have this day commenced a copartnership under the name of WELD, ANDREWS & LEST, in the business of buying and selling and trading in fancy goods and Yankee notions, and such goods as are usually connected with such business, in the City of New-York, with a capital furnished by the members of the firm, and will continue business at the store, No. 20 Murray and 23 Park-place, in continuation of the business of the late firm of Andrews, Lest & Barrett, this day by mutual consent dissolved.

Dated NEW-YORK, Jan. 2, 1866.

DE FOREST WELD,
WESLEY R. ANDREWS,
HENRY C. LEST.

THE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP EXISTing between HENRY S. FEARING, JOHN CAMPBELL, GEORGE R. FEARING, general partners, and GEORGE T. DALTON, special partner, under the firm name of FEARING AND CAMPBELL, and which by the terms of the certificate of its formation, duly recorded in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New-York, was to terminate on the 31st day of December, 1867, is hereby dissolved by mutual agreement, and notice of such dissolution is hereby given.

HENRY S. FEARING,
JOHN CAMPBELL,
GEORGE R. FEARING.
G. T. DALTON.
By H. S. FEARING, Attorney.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1865.

The business of FEARING & CAMPBELL will be continued by the undersigned, under the same firm name, at No. 7 Broad-st.

H. S. FEARING,
JOHN CAMPBELL,
GEORGE R. FEARING.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1866.

COPARTNERSHIP.—THE UNDERSIGNED have this day formed a copartnership under the firm of KEEFER, KNOX, ARMS & CO., for the purpose of transacting a jobbing business in foreign and domestic woolens, at No. 20 Murray-st.

SAMUEL KEEFER,
O. L. KNOX,
W. W. ARMS,
WILLIAM H. FAYMAN,
WALTER R. MARSH.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 28, 1865.

DISSOLUTION.—The partnership heretofore existing between the subscribers under the firm of KEEFER, NICHOLS & CO., is this day dissolved by mutual consent, H. M. NICHOLS retiring therefrom. The business of the late firm will be settled by SAMUEL KEEFER, O. L. KNOX and WILLIAM H. FAYMAN, who are alone authorized to sign in liquidation.

SAMUEL KEEFER,
H. M. NICHOLS,
O. L. KNOX,
WILLIAM H. FAYMAN.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 28, 1865.

NOTICE.—THE PUBLIC ARE HEREBY NOTified that the copartnership heretofore existing under the firm and name of HENDERSHOT & BURROWES was dissolved on the 20th of October, 1865, by the consent of said HENDERSHOT, who has since sold and assigned his interest in said firm to J. V. L. WARNACE, with the understanding that all debts and liabilities incurred by the late firm of HENDERSHOT & BURROWES are to be paid and discharged by BURROWES & LAWRANCE, and they are authorized to collect the assets of the late firm.

S. F. HENDERSHOT.

NOTICE.—THE COPARTNERSHIP OF TAYLOR, RICHARDS & CO. has been dissolved by its own limitation. HENRY D. GREEN retires on account of his health. The remaining members will continue to do business as copartners, under the old firm name of TAYLOR, RICHARDS & CO.

D. ALBERTUS TAYLOR,
THOS. F. RICHARDS,
HENRY D. GREEN,
JOSEPH WILSON SMITH.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1866.

DAVID GIBSON.

THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing under the name of JEROME, RIGGS & CO. is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

LEONARD W. JEROME,
E. RIGGS,
GEORGE W. McLEAN,
W. A. SLINGERLAND.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1866.

THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOfore existing between JOHN SPERRY and R. WEATHERELL, under the firm name of JOHN SPERRY & CO., looking-glass and picture-frame manufacturers, Nos. 191 and 193 Chrystie-st., is this day dissolved by limitation. The business will be continued hereafter by the undersigned.

JOHN SPERRY.

JAN. 1, 1866.

DISSOLUTION OF COPARTNERSHIP.—The firm of LAWTON & WHITE was dissolved Dec. 31, 1865, by limitation.

(Signed.) WALTER B. LAWTON,
R. CORNELL WHITE.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1866.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT EDWIN VAN CLEEF this day withdraws from our firm, and that EDWARD LYNES and SEBASTUS SHELDON are admitted as partners from this date.

SHELDON, HOYT & CO.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1866.

JOSEPH L. KING BECOMES A PARTner in my business from this date. The business hereafter will be conducted under the style of A. G. HYDE & CO.

ALBERT G. HYDE.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1866.

NOTICE.—MR. HOWELL L. WILLIAMS, JR. and Mr. WILLIAM W. GANDY have been admitted as partners in my business, which will hereafter be continued under the firm of SHEPPARD GANDY & CO.

JAS. SHEPPARD.

COPARTNERSHIP NOTICE.—MR. JAMES W. HARRIS is admitted as a partner in our business from this date. The style of the firm will remain as before.

E. A. HAYT & CO.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1866.

COPARTNERSHIP.—THE UNDERSIGNED have this day associated with themselves MR. JAMES STOKES, Jr., and will continue the iron business at Nos. 11 and 13 Cliff-st., under the firm name of HOYLDEN, HOPKINS & STOKES.

HOYLDEN & HOPKINS.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1866.

MR. EDMUND HENDRICKS AND MR. MORTIMER HENDRICKS have this day been admitted as members of our firm.

HENDRICKS BROTHERS.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1866.

COPARTNERSHIP NOTICES.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

The partnership heretofore existing between the subscribers, under the name and firm of JOHN TRACEY & CO., is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

The business of the late firm will be settled by JOHN TRACEY. DANIEL A. PATCH will assist in closing up the business in the City of Boston, and is authorized to use the name of the firm for that purpose.

JOHN TRACEY,
DANIEL A. PATCH.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 1, 1866.

FORMATION OF PARTNERSHIP.

The subscribers have this day formed a partnership in the rectifying and alcohol distilling business, under the name and firm of JOHN TRACEY & CO.

Mr. Wm. B. Davis, who has been for the past ten years confidential clerk in the Boston house, has been appointed our agent in Boston, and will act in that capacity from this date.

JOHN TRACEY,
JOHN TRACEY, Jr.,
THOMAS O'REILY,
JAS. G. FITZGERALD.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 1, 1866.

DISSOLUTION.

The limited copartnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, under the name and style of WISE & RAPPAPORT, is hereby dissolved by mutual consent.

ABRAHAM WISE.
SCHULEIN RAPPAPORT,
General Partners.
G. ROSENBLATT,
Special Partner.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1866.

THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing under the name of BRUMLEY & KELLOGG, is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

Either partner will attend to the closing up of the business at their late store, Nos. 82 and 84 Murray-st., now occupied by their successors, Reid, Wood & Company, for whom we respectfully ask the continuance of our correspondence.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 2, 1866.

JAS. L. BRUMLEY,
CHAS. KELLOGG.

DISSOLUTION.—The copartnership heretofore existing between the subscribers under the firm of BARKER & DRAPER, is hereby dissolved.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1866.

ISRAEL A. BARKER,
GEO. G. DRAPER.

LIMITED PARTNERSHIP.

The undersigned have formed a limited partnership under the provisions of the Revised Statutes of the State of New-York, in regard to limited partnerships and the acts amendatory thereof, for the transaction of a dry goods commission business in the City of New-York, to be conducted under the firm of

O. E. WOOD AND COMPANY.

The names of the general partners are OLIVER E. WOOD, of the State, County and City of New-York; ISRAEL A. BARKER, of the City of Brooklyn, County of Kings, State of New-York, and JOHN MAXWELL, of the City of Hoboken, County of Hudson, State of New-Jersey, and the names of the special partners are JAMES I. BRUMLEY and CHARLES KELLOGG, both residing in the said City of Brooklyn, who have contributed in cash, as such special partners, the sum of sixty thousand dollars to the common stock; that is to say, James I. Brumley has contributed, as such special partner, thirty thousand dollars, and Charles Kellogg, as such special partner, has contributed thirty thousand dollars.

The said partnership is to commence on the 2d day of January, 1866, and terminate on the 31st day of December, 1868.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands this 2d day of January, 1866.

{ stamp canceled

OLIVER E. WOOD,
ISRAEL A. BARKER,
JOHN MAXWELL,
JAMES I. BRUMLEY,
CHARLES KELLOGG,

{ General partners. { Special partners.

Mr. GEORGE G. DRAPER will be with the new firm.

NOTICE.—

The New-York Times.

NEW-YORK, WEDNESDAY, JAN. 3, 1866.

THE NEW-YORK TIMES.

Enlargement of the Daily, Semi-Weekly and Weekly Times.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

LEGISLATURE.

The Eighty-ninth session of the New-York Legislature begun yesterday. In the Senate, Lieut.-Gov. ALVORD presided, and delivered an appropriate address. All but one of the Senators were present. Mr. TERWILLIGER was reappointed Clerk, and immediately read the Governor's Message. Notice was given of a bill to provide for filling vacancies in the offices of Recorder and Surrogate in New-York; also, to amend the Metropolitan Police Act.

In the Assembly, Mr. CUSHMAN, the Clerk, called to order, and the members were sworn in by Gen. BARLOW, Secretary of State. On a vote for Speaker, LYMAN TREMAINE, Union, received 86 votes; SMITH M. WEED, Democrat, had 34—eight members absent or not voting. Mr. TREMAINE, on taking the chair, made an address of some length on the responsibility of the Legislature, their duties, &c. The Speaker of the House of Representatives (Hon. SCHUYLER COLFAX) being in the city, was officially invited to visit the Assembly, and sat for a short time with Speaker TREMAINE. The Assembly reélected JOSEPH B. CUSHMAN for Clerk, by 89 votes to 31 for D. H. BOGART. Minor officers were appointed; the Governor's Message was read, and the Assembly adjourned to arrange for drawing seats.

GENERAL NEWS.

The office of Privisional Governor of North Carolina having been vacated, the State finds itself in an anomalous condition, without civil officers, including mayor, town commissioners, judge, &c., those having been appointed by the Provisional Governor. It is probable that the military authorities will direct the officers heretofore acting for the State to continue their functions for the present.

Early yesterday morning, a very destructive fire broke out on Chestnut-street, Philadelphia, and is supposed to have been the work of incendiaries, a part of a gang of robbers, who carried on their operations very extensively in the adjoining stores during the progress of the fire. The loss is put down at $500,000. Some of the firemen were injured by the falling of the brick walls of one of the buildings.

At Baltimore on Monday, the Union Club held a special meeting to take suitable action on the death of Hon. HENRY WINTER DAVIS. A committee was appointed to draft resolutions of respect and condolence. Gov. SWANN addressed the meeting at some length and with much feeling, dwelling on the many brilliant traits and private virtues of the deceased. The obsequies of this distinguished statesman were observed yesterday, and were very largely attended. Many members of the Senate and House, Judges, and distinguished officials and citizens from Washington were present. Chief-Justice CHASE and Secretary STANTON, were among the pall-bearers. Along the route of the funeral procession the streets were crowded with sympathizing spectators.

The St. Louis people were in danger of another ice break. The committee having the safety of the steamboats in charge, have arranged to have the *City of Alton* attack the ice at Carondolet, and if possible break it as far up as this city. At the same time the steamer *Niagara* and the ferry boats will make a dash at the ice in front of the levee and clear the harbor, if practicable.

We give this morning the statement of Capt. GREENMAN, of the steamship *Constitution*, in regard to the loss of that vessel on the Cape Lookout Shoals. His account differs only in fullness of detail from the one already published. It is a sad record of a tragic event.

The celebration of New-Year's day in Boston was emphatically mixed and brilliant. In addition to the usual social festivities which in that latitude always distinguish the day, the city government was inaugurated, emancipation was rung out by church bells, saluted with cannon, paraded by the military, speechified in Tremont Temple. The police also paraded, and the adjoining towns contributed largely fo the general jubilation.

The gay and festive character of the celebration of New-Year's day by the freedmen will effectually turn to ridicule those palpitating reports of their bloodthirsty intentions to be developed in some horrid form during the holiday week. With hearty hand-shaking and jolly laugh, clothed in their best attire, forgetting a bitter past in the light and hope of the present, without revenge and with much rejoicing they met and marched under bright banners, and in their churches gave thanks for their great deliverance.

A report is current at Chicago that a prominent railroad officer, understood to be Hon. W. B. OGDEN, President of the Northwestern Railroad, who had invested large sums in the Nevada silver mines, has received his first dividend in the shape of a ton of silver, in bars, valued at $45,000 to $50,000, based on the present value of greenbacks.

A delegation of six Indian chiefs of the Kiowah and Sacs and Foxes, has arrived in Washington, in charge of Maj. BURBANK, with two interpreters. They are on their way to smoke a pipe of peace, and confer with their Great Father, the President. One of them, a hideous looking old fellow, is reported to have been married eighty-five times.

The bark B. Sewell, of Richmond, Maine, was driven ashore on the coast of Texas, twelve miles from Galveston, on the 26th ult. Capt. T. A. HUSSEY and daughter reached Galveston in safety after twelve hours exposure in an open boat. The mate and crew were probably saved. The vessel will be a total wreck, but a part of the cargo may be saved.

Intelligence has been received in New-Haven of the death, by drowning, in St. Pierre Creek, near Charleston, of JAMES W. BLAKE, who recently went to Charleston to engage in the practice of the law. Mr. BLAKE graduated at Yale College with high honor, and a brother, Major E. F. BLAKE, of the Fifth Connecticut Volunteers, was killed in the battle of Cedar Mountain.

A St. Louis dispatch confirms the reports of great suffering on the plains. About seventy soldiers of the Seventeenth Infantry, and thirty of the Twenty-seventh Wisconsin Volunteers, were so badly frozen that they had to be left in the hospital. The road is blocked with snow beyond Fort Kearney.

The Legislature of Colorado has adjourned subject to a call of the Governor, after ratifying the Constitutional Amendment by a vote of thirty-six to one.

A military levee and reunion of the New-Hampshire officers took place at Concord on the 1st inst. A large proportion of the dignitaries of the State were present, and one of the pleasant features of the evening was a presentation to His Excellency Gov. SMYTH.

Gov. LEWIS, of Wisconsin, has received a dispatch from Col. PEARSALL, commanding the first four companies of the Forty-eighth Regiment, announcing their safe arrival at Leavenworth from the plains, en route for Madison.

The steamer *Wilmington*, at this port, brings Galveston papers to Dec. 24. Gov. HAMILTON has made a proclamation restoring, so far as he has the power, to their full civil rights, all persons recommended for special pardon.

There is much excitement along the Canadian border, especially among drovers, in consequence of instructions sent to our Consuls to permit no more cattle from Canada to be brought into the States. These orders are said to be imperative.

Maj.-Gen. WILSON, famed in history and song as the captor of JEFF., is to be married at Wilmington to-day, Jan. 2. It is expected that both the brave and fair will turn out in full force. "No cards."

Mr. MONFORT, the Indiana Military Agent, has deposited in the State Library a pair of English handcuffs worn by seven of the Indiada soldiers while prisoners in the Libby Prison.

A double murder occurred in Boston, on New-Year's Day. LEWIS F. SIMMONS, in a fit of jealousy, cut his own and his wife's throat. Both, at last accounts, were lying in a critical condition.

The Washington Circle of the Fenian Brotherhood, at a late meeting, unanimously indorsed the action of the Fenian Senate, and passed resolutions in support of the constitution adopted at Philadelphia.

The inauguration of the Mayor of Philadelphia took place on Monday. The interest of the occasion was heightened by the presentation of a gold watch and chain to the retiring Mayor.

The strike of the screwmen in New-Orleans has been for the time successful, and the shipowners are paying five dollars a day.

LOCAL NEWS.

The Coroner's inquest on the bodies of ROSA and FRANCIS GUGHAY, who came to their deaths by suffocation caused by the fumes of coal gas from a stove on Saturday night, was concluded yesterday. It appears from the evidence offered at the inquest that the premises No. 597 Grand-street were being improved, and the apartments occupied by the Gughay family were required to complete such improvements. EDWIN B. HUNTER, the agent, wished the family to move, but they declined doing so. Finding permission of no avail, he ordered a mason to stop up their flue with a stone, at the same time warning them of the fact. The smoke and gas from the stove being unable to pass up the chimney, accumulated in the room occupied by the deceased, causing their deaths. The jury brought in a verdict holding HUNTER responsible for the deaths of these two persons, and he will be held to await the action of the Grand Jury.

In the Marine Court, before Judge ALKER and a jury, the case of JOHN H. ALBERT *vs.* The Bleecker-street and Fulton Ferry Railroad Company was on trial yesterday. The plaintiff brought the action to recover damages to his express wagon, horse and harness, occasioned by one of the defendants' cars running into them while they were standing in the rear of Niblo's Theatre, in June last, for the purpose of unloading. The case, which is not concluded, involves the rights and legal privileges, not only of the city railroad companies, but also of all carmen, expressmen, &c.

The members of the New-York Historical Society held their inaugural meeting last evening, and elected the following officers for the ensuing year:—President, FREDERIC DE PEYSTER; First Vice-President, THOMAS DE WITT, D.D.; Second Vice-President, BENJAMIN R. WINTHROP; Foreign Corresponding Secretary, GEORGE BANCROFT, LL.D.; Domestic Corresponding Secretary, JOHN ROMEYN BRODHEAD, LL.D.; Recording Secretary, ANDREW WARNER; Treasurer, BENJ. H. FIELD; Librarian, GEORGE HENRY MOORE.

Four hundred and six deaths occurred in this city during the past week. The mortality by the principal diseases was as follows: Consumption, 68; marasmus, 18; bronchitis, 13; diphtheria, 15; hooping-cough, 4; scarlet fever, 18; typhus fever, 14; inflammation of the lungs, 27; diarrhœa, 6; dysentery, 6.

A trial of considerable interest in a legal point of view, and involving over $10,000 in money, was commenced yesterday in the Court of Common Pleas before Hon. CHARLES DALY, First Judge, and a jury. It will be continued to-day.

The Stock Market reopened for the new year yesterday at firm prices for the Government Securities and a general upward movement in the Railways. Gold was ¼ @ cent. lower, and Exchange on London down to 109@109¼.

General business opened rather tamely yesterday. Breadstuffs and Provisions favored buyers. Cotton was steady, on liberal receipts and unusually heavy exports—the latter item comprising for the week 14,611 bales. Groceries were held with more firmness. The freight engagements were light.

The supply at the Live Stock markets yesterday was not quite equal to the demand. The general quality of the sheep and mutton offered was fully equal to that of a week or two previous. Most of the bullocks were well fattened, and a good number were of a superior quality. The general selling price ranged from 16c.@17c. ℔ lb. The number of milch cows was much less than the demand, those of ordinary quality bringing from $55 to $75. Veal calves are growing scarce from week to week. Good sheep and lambs sell readily at 8c.@9c. ℔ lb.—the receipts being much smaller than usual. The price of live hogs remains firm, 10c.@11c. being the usual price ℔ lb. There seems to be a fair prospect of better prices for all kinds of well-fattened animals.

Gov. Fenton's Message.

The Governor's Message to the State Legislature includes, and perhaps necessarily, a brief historical review of the national situation, in addition to the usual summing up of the State record for the year. In this respect it ought to have much more than the value of a document merely devoted to local interests. Without going into the philosophy of national politics, like the Governor of Ohio, who lays down what he conceives to be a just theory of the Monroe Doctrine, Mr. FENTON finds occasion to traverse historically some of the ground embraced in the late Message of the President of the United States, and a portion of that included in the reports of the different departments of the General Government. As part of this review we have the grouping of certain interesting facts—not, perhaps, altogether new—illustrating the part borne by soldiers from this State in the late war; the care taken of their interests in the field and on the return march; the necessity for seeing that the rights of the sick and wounded are not neglected or set aside; and the propriety of "establishing for a limited time a system of claim agencies by which the State shall perform its further duty in the assertion of their just claims upon the government."

Whatever support the Legislature may be disposed to give to this suggestion, there can be no question as to the duty of the State to see that these claims have a fair and prompt hearing. It is hardly creditable to the General Government that such a plan of claim agencies in behalf of the invalided soldiers of the national army should even have to be suggested. Especially is this true of our New-York soldiers, nearly half a million of whom went cheerfully to the field, and proved their patriotism by deeds of unparalleled devotion.

Turning from the National Army to the National Guard, Governor FENTON dwells with good reason upon the importance of having our State Militia thoroughly organized; and it is with entire justice that he says: "The neglect and abuses into which these State (Militia) systems had everywhere fallen, not only compelled the adoption, in the emergency of the late rebellion, of a *national* system, but *undoubtedly prolonged the war.*" At present the National Guard only numbers twenty-eight thousand, officers and men, uniformed and equipped. It is opportune in the Governor to express the hope that the federal authorities, even in the gravest emergencies, should depend upon the militia of the country rather than upon standing armies.

In summing up the Comptroller's report for the year (which shows a deficiency in the revenue of the *general fund* of $1,179,394) Mr. FENTON embraces the opportunity of saying wherein he thinks the present system of State taxation fails of being either equitable or productive to the extent it might be made. "Under our present system the valuation of personal property liable to taxation is very largely intrusted to the discretion of the assessor, with limited means of knowledge, and is often determined upon information necessarily crude and inaccurate, or by personal favor and prejudice. Any one who has had even but a limited experience of the working of the assessment law under the present system knows how entirely just are the Governor's conclusions in this regard. And there is probably no more effectual way of bringing about a more satisfactory state of things than by requiring the tax-payer to make oath as to the nature, amount and worth of his personal estate.

The Governor gives a scarcely qualified approval to the national banking system, but he is careful to notice, after reporting that one hundred and ninety-three banks of the State have retired from the old system, while only one hundred and nine are still operating under the State law—that the national system has acquired "*the favor and confidence of the people.*"

In the matter of public education, the Governor expresses the opinion that the great, *immediate* want of the system is *more* Normal and training schools; or, in other words, a *higher standard.* The number of training schools for teachers is now entirely inadequate.

The Governor's views of the requirements of this city, in the matter of sanitary legislation, are of unusual interest to our citizens at the present time. He says the existing laws are radically defective. He thinks the policy of continuing two Boards of Health, with separate and unequal authority, is questionable, and he suggests that the success of the Metropolitan Police law, and of the law creating our new Paid Fire Department, *furnish a strong argument in favor of some similar provision* for protecting the health of New-York and the suburban districts. The Governor, in this, it will be seen, is directly at issue with Mayor HOFFMAN, who regards the attempt to govern the city by Commission as the great bane of our municipal system.

On the question of canal enlargement the Governor's policy is altogether conservative. To the memorial of the Detroit Convention he gives due prominence and weight; but he thinks that no great interest in the State will be prejudiced by delay—by a postponement of the question of enlargement, at least till the next State Convention assembles.

Certain subjects of local as well as general interest may have been omitted from the catalogue of measures by the Governor. But, on the whole, the Message is comprehensive as a review of past events, and suggestive as a guide to legislative deliberation and action. If it is not marked by great boldness or originality, it is, at least, free from visionary or speculative conceits. And, as a fair presentment of the general bearing and intent of public opinion, it will be generally received, both in the Legislature and throughout the community, with respectful consideration.

THE SNOW IN THE STREETS.—Is it true that there is an ordinance requiring occupiers of houses to sweep their sidewalks after a fall of snow? For the last three days the condition of the streets in this respect has been simply disgraceful, and if a sudden frost should convert the vile slush into ice, walking will be positively dangerous. Will not some official or other wake up on this subject? A simple way of compelling attention to the law would be to give the complaint of houses or shops one an hour or less hours to have the snow removed. If, after the expiring of that time the ordinance was not attended to, let laborers be employed at the expense of the defaulter; these expenses to include the official notifications as well as the cost of removing the obstructions. A city ordinance to this effect might be made useful—if it were enforced.

The Mayor's Message.

The very first sentence of Mayor HOFFMAN'S first message is a plea in abatement of any censure that may hereafter be cast upon him for not fulfilling the liberal promises made by his friends before the election. He says he enters upon the office "utterly powerless, under the laws now in force, to accomplish any great good for the city." We suppose, therefore, the people may say "Blessed are they who expect nothing, for they shall not be disappointed." Mr. HOFFMAN, however, promises to use the little power he has for the advancement of the people's interests; an honest promise, and one which will doubtless be literally fulfilled. His theory of local government is one calculated to shock the time-honored Democratic doctrine of diffusion of power; for here he is very emphatic in urging that the city should be left entirely independent to choose its own rulers in its own way, and under no circumstances should the State be permitted to meddle in the matter by commissions. Furthermore, that the great cause of our ill-government is divided authority among such officers as we have; that the only remedy is a centralization of all executive power in one person—that person to be the Mayor, of course—who should be responsible to the people for everything. Mr. HOFFMAN strongly objects to all the "Commissions" heretofore created, considering every step in that direction an invasion upon the natural and legal rights of the municipality. Had all our Mayors been of equal ability and probity with Mr. HOFFMAN, it is quite probable that "Commissions" would never have been thought of; but we take it that there have been times, not long since, when Mr. HOFFMAN himself would have hesitated to put the entire control of the police, the Croton works and the Central Park in the hands of the incumbent of the chair he is now filling.

A good portion of the message is taken up with a statement of the city debt, now something over $41,000,000. The sinking fund is about $9,500,000, reducing the general debt by that amount. As the debt is a lien upon all the property of the city, Mr. HOFFMAN considers our securities among the very best in the market, notwithstanding the exemption of United States stocks from taxation. He thinks it would be well, while real estate is high and our city bonds low, to sell a portion of the unimproved lots belonging to the corporation, and apply the proceeds to the reduction of the debt. But he objects to the sale of markets, wharves and piers, and ferries, preferring that these public conveniences should be controlled and managed by the city. As the markets and most of the piers have always been under the direct control of the Common Council, their present condition, and the history of their annual revenues, are the best commentary upon the proposition to put the ferries in the same category.

The tax-levy is very elaborately examined, and Mr. HOFFMAN shows, by a series of tables prepared for the purpose, that the Common Council and Supervisors (the two bodies within his veto,) are responsible for only about $8,000,000, or less than one-half. The State takes over $3,000,000, and over $7,000,000 goes out through various legislative commissions, independent of either city or county government. We cannot help thinking that the manner in which this point is enforced is slightly disingenuous, since its purpose, or at least its effect upon the careless reader, is to induce the opinion that but for these offensive "commissions," there would be no such expenses at all. Now, whatever the Mayor may say as an officer, he very well knows, as a citizen, that if the Croton Water Works, the Almshouses, the Central Park and the police, had been kept all these years within the control of the Common Council, their cost at this day would have been double and treble the present figure; while for efficiency, or value received—we will not insult common sense by attempting the comparison.

Having thus cleared the Common Council of pretty nearly all the responsibility, Mr. HOFFMAN turns to the work of these very Commissions, against which he has just been inveighing, for something to praise. He says: "New-York can point with pride to its Croton Aqueduct and reservoirs, its Central Park, and its public buildings connected with and under charge of the Commissioners of Charities and Correction, as well as those under charge of the Board of Education." True, every word of it; and it is a great pity that the same cannot be said of the public markets, the wharves and piers, the cleaning of streets, the general sanitary condition of the city, and other matters strictly within the purview of the City Hall powers.

The Mayor makes but one or two actual recommendations. One is for an experiment in establishing more durable and convenient piers, by leasing two or three of the present structures to the "Iron Pier and Warehouse Company," chartered last Winter; and, to insure some comprehensive system, he proposes to call in the aid of the Chamber of Commerce. He very properly censures the people themselves for much of the uncleanness of the streets, and proposes the summary arrest of those who cast ashes and garbage upon the pavements. He evidently distrusts the Board of Health, (the Aldermen,) and sees no necessity for convening them. We are glad to learn that there is at last a prospect of having a proper system of sewerage, the Croton Department being now perfecting plans therefor.

Mr. HOFFMAN calls attention to the extravagant expenses of opening streets, especially the cost of surveys, inspection, advertising, and collecting, which often make up half the entire assessment. He recommends, very properly, that the setting of curb and gutter stones, now done by the Street Department, be put in charge of the Croton Department, that branch being now charged with paving streets.

With regard to the Charter he makes no special recommendations, but will speak promptly and plainly of any projects that may be started in the Legislature. He is of the opinion that the State Constitutional Convention, which is to assemble next year, will regulate the whole system of municipal charters and officers—a consummation devoutly to be wished.

On the whole, Mr. HOFFMAN'S message is an excellent paper, plain and practical, and shows that he is already entirely familiar with the situation. It is natural, perhaps, that he should desire enlarged powers, and we can well believe that were he alone to wield them, there would be a general acquiescence in the propriety of making the concession. But the Common Council must necessarily share his increased authority; and the experience of the past ten years does not predispose any great number of tax-payers to such confidence. When the new boards shall have proven their devotion by the proper exercise of the power they now have, there will come a fitting time to consider the expediency of conferring wider duties and responsibilities.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.—There is good opportunity, and we are glad to say there are good hopes for the State Legislature which just assembled. It can signalize the session in such a way as to command the highest possible respect. There are great questions relating to the public administration, the public welfare, and especially the public economy, which demand wise and statesman-like treatment. The expenses of the State will be much less during the current year than they have been during any year since 1860. All the costly military machinery of the State, necessary heretofore for properly cooperating with and sustaining the efforts of the General Government, will be done away with, while the higher value of the national currency now, as compared with recent years, will also diminish the outgo in various directions. But there are other lines in which economy may be practiced, and it will not be difficult to discover them.

Speaker TREMAINE will make an excellent presiding officer—well versed in the duties of the position, clear-headed and firm. We look to the Republican majorities in both Houses for wisdom, discretion and honesty in their action.

NEW YEAR'S DAY.—We had to indulge in some remarks the other day upon the state of things in Petersburgh on Christmas, as represented in the papers of that place. The population generally, it seemed, got drunk upon that festive day. But New Year's Day had not arrived when our remarks were penned, else we should have said nothing about the Christmas scenes in Petersburgh. Everybody is saying that never on any day before was so much intoxicating liquor drank in town here as upon Monday last; and never before were so many people under its influence seen abroad. We believe the testimony of the police coincides with this opinion. It was a bad thing to do, to get drunk on such an occasion; but if every one who did so will resolve to drink no more during the year, we shall henceforth have a very sober city.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Special Dispatches to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Jan. 2.

NEW-YEAR'S DAY RECEPTIONS.

Notwithstanding the disagreeable condition of the weather from the recent snow and rain, the first New-Year's reception of President JOHNSON was largely attended. The doors of the Executive Mansion were at 11 o'clock this morning opened to the Foreign Ministers and their attachés, some of them displaying their glittering badges of distinction.

Sir FREDERICK BRUCE, the British Envoy, was the first arrival of the diplomatic corps, which was fully represented. The greeting appeared to be mutually happy, especially in view of the fact that there is nothing in the condition of our foreign relations to threaten the disturbance of the general peace. All the members of the Cabinet, the Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States and other prominent civil officers, together with Senators and Representatives, also paid their usual annual visit to exchange their customary salutations with the President. At 11½ o'clock the officers of the army, navy and marine corps were similarly received. They were all in uniform—Lieut.-Gen. GRANT and Staff being conspicuous among the imposing group surrounding the President. At noon the reception of citizens commenced, and continued for more than two hours. The Marine Band, meanwhile, performed in the vestibule. The visitors entered two abreast and passed into the Auditor's Room, and then, having been severally introduced by the United States Marshal to the President, and shaken him by the hand, they passed into the East Room, from which they found an outlet through one of the front windows—a flight of steps having been placed on each side of it for the egress. The daughters of the President, Mrs. PATTERSON and Mrs. STOVER, were also near their father, and received lady and gentlemen visitors. Everybody seemed to be cheerful in the exchange of the several salutations. The public departments and other places of business are closed.

After the general reception at the executive mansion, all the colored persons on the premises—not, however, a large number—were admitted, and paid their respects to the President. All the members of the Cabinet, except Secretary SEWARD, who is absent from Washington, and other government officers and the Mayor and many private citizens, received their friends.

The receptions of the ladies of the Cabinet Ministers were only second in importance to that at the President's mansion, being attended by the Judges of the Supreme Court, the members of the Diplomatic Corps, the high officers of the army and navy, and a throng of distinguished officials and other citizens. That of Mrs. Secretary HARLAN, who was attended by her daughter and Miss SIMPSON, daughter of Bishop SIMPSON, was particularly elegant and simple, no liquors being offered. The receptions of Secretary MCCULLOCH and Postmaster-General DENISON were also very admirably conducted.

The Judges of the Supreme Court gave receptions, except Judge DAVIS, who was called to Baltimore by the death of his cousin, HENRY WINTER DAVIS.

NEW-YEAR'S GIFT TO GEN. GRANT.

Hon. SAMUEL HOOPER, in behalf of a number of his constituents, yesterday presented to Gen. GRANT, as a New-Year's gift, the catalogue of a splendid library of two thousand volumes, and valued at $5,000. Coming from the modern Athens of literature, and through Mr. HOOPER, the gift may be regarded as tasteful and complete in an eminent degree, and worthy of its distinguished recipient.

A NATIONAL BANK QUESTION.

The United States Treasurer, Hon. F. E. SPINNER, to-day received a communication from a National bank which has been heretofore designated as a depositary of public money, asking to be permitted to make returns of average amount of its deposits without including the deposits of paymasters and other United States disbursing officers. It is represented that the deposits of this character received by the bank within the past six months amount to over $4,000,000, and the petitioner argues that these deposits are the property of the government, and that, therefore, the bank should not be required to pay the duty of one quarter of one per centum required by the law. Each half year, upon the average amount of other deposits that, in becoming a United States depositary, the bank gave to the Secretary of the Treasury satisfactory security by the deposit of United States bonds, and otherwise for the safe-keeping and prompt payment of the public money deposited with it, and from this it is argued that the deposits in question are technically and legally government property, and, hence the duty could not be enforced if the spirit and intention of the act be adhered to. Gen. SPINNER, in answer to the communication, refuses to authorize the bank to deduct the deposits named from its return. If the average requires the payment of duty as desired in the law—duty will not be required on deposits made by the United States Treasurer, but on all other deposits the duty will be collected.

THE PUBLIC DEBT.

The statement of the public debt for the month ending Dec. 30 has been prepared by the Secretary of the Treasury, and was placed in the hands of the printer this evening. The face of the showing will not vary widely from that of the previous month, and on the whole it presents the government financial condition in a more healthy aspect than any of the monthly statements recently promulgated.

CONSCIENCE MONEY.

A recent case of conscience was made known at the treasury department to-day. A letter came to the United States Treasurer, mailed in this city, inclosing ten dollars, and directing the sum to be placed to the credit of the government, but giving no explanation of the circumstances under which the money had been taken.

THE LATE HON. H. W. DAVIS.

The funeral of the late HENRY WINTER DAVIS to-day at Baltimore was largely attended by gentlemen from this city. Among them were Secretaries STANTON and HARLAN, Senators FOSTER, MORGAN and SUMNER, Judge DAVIS, of the Supreme Court; Hon. FREEMAN CLARK, Comptroller of the Currency; Hon. AUGUSTUS BRANDEGEE, Member of Congress from Connecticut; GREEN CLAY SMITH, of Kentucky; Judges CARTER and OLIN, of the District Supreme Court; and others.

THE REWARD OFFERED FOR THE CAPTURE OF BOOTH.

The examination of the claims for portions of the rewards offered for the capture of BOOTH and his co-conspirators has nearly reached a conclusion. The Adjutant-General's office is still receiving applications, and, in accordance with an order promulgated some time since, will receive all that are dated prior to the 1st of January. The documents relating to the rewards have been referred to the Bureau of Military Justice, and are being examined by Col. WINTHROP. It is expected that a report will be made to the Secretary of War on the subject in about two weeks, and that the matter will be decided about the 1st of February.

BUSINESS IN THE SUPREME COURT.

In the Supreme Court of the United States to-day, Justice CLIFFORD delivered the opinion in the case of an appeal from the District Court of Wisconsin, in which the Milwaukee and Chicago Railroad Company was the respondent. It appears that certain mortgaged premises were several times offered for sale, but were not sold, and that the applicans claimed possession on the ground that he was the highest bidder; but the Supreme Court holds that biddings at auction are mere offers, and that there is no binding obligation until the consent of both parties is given. In other words, there must be a mutual understanding to a definite agreement. As the auctioneer may refuse to strike off the property to the highest bidder, so a bid may be withdrawn before the hammer falls. The Court said that justice had been done, and all parties are satisfied but the appellant, and that the decree of the District Court is affirmed, with costs.

THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO.

It has been erroneously stated that the French and United States Governments have arrived at an understanding with regard to Mexican affairs. It is known however, that MAXIMILIAN has not met his pecuniary engagements with NAPOLEON for keeping the French troops in Mexico, and that the French Emperor is not willing to support a military force there at his own expense.

RECEPTION OF THE MEXICAN MINISTER.

It is a subject of comment to-day, that at the President's levee yesterday none of the Diplomatic Corps recognized or spoke to the Mexican Minister, they evidently not acknowledging him as a representative from any government. Señor ROMERO was cordially received by President JOHNSON, but remained only a few moments in the reception-room, leaving some time before the departure of the other Ministers.

MARRIAGE OF GEN. JAMES A. WILSON.

Gen. GRANT and a portion of his staff went to Wilmington, Del., this morning, to attend the wedding of Major-Gen. JAMES A. WILSON, who captured JEFF. DAVIS last Spring, and has now been captured in turn.

GEN. TERRY.

Major-Gen. TERRY, commanding the Department of Virginia, arrived in the city from Richmond, this morning.

APPLICATIONS FOR PARDON.

Very few applications for pardon have been received at the Attorney-General's office during the past week. On the 27th ult. twenty-nine pardons were granted to Alabamians, and on the 30th four were granted to Mississippians.

To-day a pardon was issued for HORACE A. DEUBIN, sentenced to the Penitentiary for robbing the mails in New York.

SLAVERY IN MEXICO.

The Attempt to Re-establish Peonage in the Republic of Mexico—The Correspondence of Secretary Seward with the French Government.

To the House of Representatives:

In answer to the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 11th inst. requesting information relative to a so-called decree concerning the re-establishment of slavery or peonage in the republic of Mexico, I transmit a report from the Secretary of State, and the documents by which it was accompanied.

ANDREW JOHNSON.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14, 1865.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
WASHINGTON, Dec. 14, 1865.

The Secretary of State, to whom was referred the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 11th inst., requesting the President, "if not incompatible with the public service, to communicate to that House any information in possession of any of the executive departments of the government, in reference to a so-called decree by MAXIMILIAN, the French agent in Mexico, under date of Dec. 5, A. D. 1865, re-establishing slavery or peonage in that Republic," and to inform that House "what action, if any, has been taken by the Government of the United States in reference thereto," has the honor to lay before the President the correspondence supposed to be indicated in the said resolution, which correspondence presents all the information upon the subject in the possession of this department. Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. SEWARD.

The PRESIDENT.

MR. ROMERO TO MR. SEWARD.

MEXICAN LEGATION
TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
WASHINGTON, Oct. 5, 1865.

MR. SECRETARY: I have the honor to remit to you, for the information of the Government of the United States, a copy in English of the so-called law which, on the 5th of September last, was issued at Chapultepec by the Ex-Archduke of Austria, FERNANDO MAXIMILIAN, so-called Emperor of Mexico, in which, under pretext apparently of inviting foreign emigration to Mexico, he has adopted a plan which has for its purpose to call to that republic the disaffected citizens of the United States, who are not dispos

WRECK OF THE CONSTITUTION.

Detailed Account of the Disaster by the Captain of the Steamer.

The Shoals of Cape Lookout Struck During a Dense Fog.

Failure of All Attempts to Reach the Shore in Boats.

A Few of the Passengers and Crew Saved on Rafts.

Names of the Saved and Those Supposed to be Lost.

Capt. GREENMAN, late master of the steamship *Constitution*, wrecked on Cape Lookout shoals, arrived at this port last evening from Morehead City, N. C., in the steamer *Louisa Moore*, and makes the following statement:

Saturday, Dec. 23d, 11:30 A. M., left the dock at Savannah with a cargo of 728 bales of cotton, a crew of 33 men, 10 cabin passengers, 3 steerage, and six men found stowed away after leaving, in all 52 souls; passed Tybee Bar 2 P. M., wind blowing a gale from northeast; at 4 P. M. bore up for Port Royal harbor where we anchored at 6 P. M. in company with steamers *San Salvador* and *Lee*, wind still blowing a gale and weather looking bad.

Dec. 24, 6 A. M.—Got underway, and proceeded to sea. Wind light from southwest, with a heavy sea running from southeast. Ship going about nine knots, and rolling badly. 6 P. M. The packing from joint of steam-pipe blew out; blew off steam and repaired it, causing a delay of three hours. 25th, 4 A. M.—Passed lightship, supposed to be on Cape Fear shoals, but found her to be about eight miles to the westward, in fifteen fathoms water.

At 5 A. M. got soundings on the shoals in 10 fathoms; 6 A. M., sounding in 15 fathoms to the eastward of the shoals, at which time the steam-pipe gave out, caused by the rolling of the ship; blew off steam to repair the pipe and secure the boiler, which was working some; got under way again at 10:30 P. M.; steam-pipe still leaking, and engineer reported it not safe to carry more than 10 inches of steam. It being foggy through the day, could get no observation, and the ship not having steerage-way part of the time, could not keep a correct run of her; but to the best of my judgment made the end of Cape Fear shoals to bear S.W. by S. 40 miles, and Cape Lookout Shoals N. E. by E. 45 miles distant. Steered E. N. E. At 12 midnight got soundings in 20 fathoms; ship running at the rate of seven miles per hour, with nine inches steam. 26th, 1 A. M., got 20 fathoms. 2 A. M., 17 fathoms, steering same course. At 2:20 A. M., ship struck on what proved to be the outer shoals of Cape Lookout, judging myself to be at the time we struck about 14 miles to the westward, and had been steering E. N. E., which would have cleared us of the shoals; in four hours after going on, ship was full of water; made every effort to get her off, but was unsuccessful.

At daylight 27th a dense fog prevailed, and being in the midst of the breakers, it was too rough to launch the boats without immediately filling. Called all hands and organized boats' crews. One boat I put in charge of Capt. FRENCH, a passenger; another to Capt. LANE, a passenger; another in charge of the mate; and taking charge of the remaining one myself, and had everything ready to leave when the sea moderated, or in case the ship showed any signs of breaking up. 10 A. M. Cut away the foremast. 5 P. M. Fog cleared off with a light breeze from northwest, and every indication of a pleasant night, the sea still running too high to launch a boat with any degree of safety; called a consultation of the passengers, all of whom preferred to stay by the wreck than to take to the boats. I also gave permission to any of the boats to leave, but none would risk it. At midnight the wind commenced breezing from the southward and the sea to increase; the ship swung two points to the eastward and began to show signs of breaking up; ordered the boats to be launched; my boat was launched successfully, but immediately filled; requested some of the passengers to take her, but all refused, and the boat, after lying alongside a short time, broke adrift; the crews at the same time attempted to launch the other boats, but they were stove by the sea, which was now breaking fiercely over us, and the ship breaking up very fast. The only chance now left to save ourselves was by clinging to pieces of the wreck or cotton bales. At 4 A. M. of the 27th the whole fabric fell to the leeward, and the balance of the ship and passengers clinging to it, all of whom were thrown into the sea. The next sea that came carried the forecastle with it, and on which I was standing with several others. After being in the water a few minutes I succeeded in getting on a piece of timber where there were three others, after being washed off several times; saw another raft, which I hailed, and found the second mate and steward on it. I swam for it, and succeeded in getting to it, calling for my companions to follow me, two of whom reached in safety, the other going down before he could get to it. Could see a number around us; hailed the second mate; he answered that he was on a raft all right. At daylight, 28th, could see two rafts, with men on them, drifting to the N. E. At 12 o'clock could discern the lighthouse on Cape Lookout.

3 P. M. saw a boat coming toward us, which proved to be the boat that was lost from alongside and had been picked up by four of the crew. After getting into her we succeeded in picking up two passengers; cruised around the vicinity of the wreck for some time, but could find no others. Started for the beach, but finding it too rough to land, lay by for the night; next morning succeeded in reaching Cape Lookout, where we landed at 8 P. M. Dec. 28, after being on the raft and in the boat forty hours. After arriving at the Cape, dispatched a boat to Beaufort to get some steamer to go out and cruise. At daylight the steamers *Goliah* and *Corman* went out, the latter shortly after broke down and returned, the *Goliah* came back in the afternoon without success. Have heard nothing since of the others.

THE NAMES OF THE LOST.

The following are the names of the passengers lost as near as can be ascertained:

Miss Land, residence unknown; Capt. Sherwood, of Savannah; Capt. French, of New-York; Capt. Lane, of Brig—; Mr. Fitzgerald, of Savannah *Daily Herald*; Dane Biggs, of Philadelphia; Antony French, engineer of steamer *Indian River*; Mr. Hayden, of Hartford. Three other cabin passengers, one small girl, three steerage and six stowaways, names unknown.

LIST OF CREW SUPPOSED LOST.

C. W. Greenman, Mate; Wm. Tiltz, Chief Engineer; W. J. Crocheron, Purser; Capt. King, Savannah, Pilot; Edwd. Baily, oiler; Wm. Elkinton, coal-passer; Henry McNeil, cook; Danl. McNeal, John Fitzgerald, seamen; Andrew Burk, second steward; Edward Read, pantryman; — Read, mailer, brother to Edward; Patrick Brown; three mailers, second cook, stewardess, two coal-passers, one fireman, names unknown.

NAMES OF THE SAVED.

The following are the names of passengers and crew saved.

Passengers—Mr. W. P. Long, of New-York; Ralph Lewis, engineer of steamer *Indian River*.

Crew.—William Greenman, Master; Edw. Cotter, second mate, of Boston; Robert L. Ray, steward, New-York; Caleb P. Borley, second engineer, New-York; John Borley, third engineer, New-York; Lewis Samson, New-York, carpenter; Peter Murphy, Robert Erwin, firemen; Charles Lewis, C. Wright, John Nelson, Benjamin Bush, seamen.

Capt. GREENMAN wishes to return his thanks, on behalf of himself and crew, for the kind treatment received at the light-house on Cape Lookout and at Beaufort. Also to Capt. PHILLIPS and officers of the steamer *Louisa Moore*, which brought them to this port.

CANADIAN CATTLE.

No More Cattle to be Brought from Canada—Great Excitement Among the Dealers.

TORONTO, Tuesday, Jan. 2.

Consul THURSTON to-day received instructions that the Government of the United States will not permit any more cattle to enter the States from Canada. This prohibition creates intense feeling not only among Canadians shut out from American markets, but among United States traders. By Americans now purchasing in that market it estimates that forty thousand dollars' worth of live stock already purchased in this neighborhood will be thus cut off from the market for which they were intended.

Funeral of the Late Henry Winter Davis

BALTIMORE, Tuesday, Jan. 2.

The funeral of the late Hon. HENRY WINTER DAVIS, this afternoon, was very largely attended. Every mark of respect was shown to the distinguished deceased. The Mayor and the City Council, Gov. Swann, Lieut.-Gov. Cox, Judge Bond, the members of the bar, Chief Justice Chase, Judge Giles, of the District Court of Maryland, Judges Carter and Olin, of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, Judges Swayne and Davis of the United States Supreme Court, Secretaries Stanton and Harlan, Hon. L. F. S. Foster, President of the Senate, and Senators Morgan, of New-York, Pomeroy, of Kansas, Sprague, of Rhode Island, Sumner, of Massachusetts, and Cresswell of Maryland, and Messrs. Blair, Green Clay Smith, Brandagee, Schofield, and Hooper, of the House of Representatives, Mayor Wallach, of Washington, Hon. George Holman, of Massachusetts, Hon. Freeman Clarke, Comptroller of the Currency, and other distinguished gentlemen were present. Chief-Justice CHASE and Secretary STANTON were among the pall-bearers.

The funeral procession proceeded to St. Paul's Cemetery. The streets were thronged along the route by crowds of spectators notwithstanding the unpleasant weather.

Previous to the funeral a meeting of the bar was held at the United States District Court-room, presided over by Judge GILES, at which speeches were made by Judge GILES and others, and resolutions of respect for the memory of the deceased were passed.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Christmas at Wilmington—Celebration by the Negroes—Political Affairs.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Monday, Jan. 1.

The celebration by the negroes to-day passed off with perfect order and propriety. Large delegations were present from the surrounding country.

All the civil officers in the State appointed by the Provisional Governor, including the magistrates, mayors and commissioners of towns, judges and all others, comprising the whole machinery of the government, have ceased to exercise any authority, their terms of office having come to an end by the Provisional Governor vacating his office.

All power now temporarily rests in the Military Governor, who is taking steps to have the Legislature remedy the difficulty. Meantime it is probable that the military authorities will direct the officers heretofore acting for the State to continue to exercise their functions.

The steamer *Commander* sailed to-day for New-York.

Movements of Ex-Gov. Vance.

RALEIGH, N. C., Monday, Jan. 1.

Ex-Gov. L. B. VANCE, whose parole has been extended to embrace the State, arrived here this morning. It is said he is on his way to Wilmington, where he means to reside.

K. P. BATTLES, elected State Treasurer by the Legislature, entered upon the discharge of his duties to-day.

VIRGINIA.

Rejoicing Among the Freedmen at Richmond.

RICHMOND, Va., Monday, Jan. 1.

Rain has been here all day, but the temperature is mild for the season.

The colored people assembled en masse this forenoon at the First African Church, to celebrate their deliverance from slavery. Several addresses were made.

At the opening of a new billiard hall to-night, MICHAEL PHELAN and Monsieur CARME played a match game of 500 points. CARME was the victor, running in one score 206.

The Freedmen's Celebration in Petersburgh.

PETERSBURGH, Monday, Jan. 1.

The freedmen of this city and adjacent counties celebrated their freedom to-day by marching in procession through the principal streets, and there was public speaking an Poplar lawn.

The weather is very unpropitious, but great numbers participated in the celebration. The different societies of freedmen donned their best and turned out with banners. The occasion was one of great rejoicing with them, and everything passed off in perfect order.

KANSAS.

Robbery at Leavenworth—Thirty Thousand Dollars Stolen from an Army Paymaster.

LEAVENWORTH, Tuesday, Jan. 2.

A safe containing $30,000 was stolen last night from the office of Major ELLIS, Paymaster of the army. Two orderlies are missing, and are supposed to be the guilty parties. Of the amount in the safe $23,000 belonged to the government; the remainder was the private property of Major ELLIS. A thousand dollars reward has been offered for the arrest of the thieves.

The Union Pacific Railroad has been completed to Topeka. The first passenger train arrived at that place to-day from Wyandotte.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Meeting of the State Legislature—Failure to Effect an Organization.

BOSTON, Tuesday, Jan. 2.

The Legislature assembles to-morrow. A caucus of the Republican members of the House was held this evening, for the purpose of nominating candidates for Speaker and other officers. After an informal ballot, without effecting a choice for Speaker, the caucus adjourned, owing to the absence of a large number of members. HARVEY JEWELL, of Boston, and J. M. STONE, of Charlestown, were the most prominent candidates for Speaker.

MAINE.

Meeting of the State Legislature.

AUGUSTA, Me., Tuesday, Jan. 2.

The Legislature of this State assembles to-morrow. The following nominations were made this evening by the Union members: For Speaker of the House, James F. Stone, of Kennebunk; Clerk, Frank M. Drew, of Brunswick; Assistant Clerk, Sumner J Chadbourne, of Dixmont; for President of the Senate, William Wirt Virgin, of Norway; Secretary, Thomas P. Cleaves, of Brownfield; Assistant Secretary, W. S. Clarke, of Sawyerville.

Texas—Proclamation of, Gov. Hamilton.

The steamship *Wilmington* arrived here yesterday, bringing Galveston papers to Dec. 24. Gov. HAMILTON has made a proclamation restoring, so far as he has the power, to their civil rights, all persons recommended for special pardon.

FROM NEW-ORLEANS.

The Screw-Men's Strike in New-Orleans—The Markets.

NEW-ORLEANS, Friday, Dec. 29.

The ship-owners, yielding to the screw-men's strike, are paying $5 per day to laborers.

Cotton is animated; sales 4,000 bales at 52c. for Middling. Sugars very dull: raw, 12½c. ₩ lb. Gold dull at 145¼. Checks on New-York ¼ per cent. discount. Freights on Cotton to New-York ⅝c. ₩ lb.

FROM EUROPE.

Arrival of the French Steamer Europe.

The French steamer *Europe*, DUCHESNE, HAVRE Dec. 16, via Brest 17th, with merchandise and passengers to GEO. MCKENZIE, arrived here yesterday. She experienced heavy westerly gales the entire passage.

The Democratic Assembly Caucus at Albany.

ALBANY, Tuesday, Jan. 2.

At the Democratic Assembly caucus this morning, WILLIAM WILLIAMS, of Erie, was chosen Chairman, and S. D. FAULKNER, of Livingston, Secretary. SMITH M. WEED, of Clinton, was nominated for Speaker; OSCAR H. BOGART, of New-York, for Clerk; G. H. F. VAN HORNE for Sergeant-at-Arms; JOHN E. MOORE, THOMAS DALY and GEORGE M. RECTOR for doorkeepers. THOMAS J. CREAMER, of New-York, ISAAC E. FROST, of Montgomery, and S. S. POMEROY, of Niagara, were appointed a committee to call future caucuses.

Fenianism at Chicago—A Military Convention Talked of.

CHICAGO, Tuesday, Jan. 2.

At a meeting of the Fenians to-day, composed of officers who served in the Union army, resolutions were adopted supporting Gen. SWEENEY, and urging him to call a military convention at some central location. A resolution was also adopted that both the contending parties who now divide the brotherhood give way in favor of SWEENEY and the military directors. Forty officers signed the resolutions, which were sent to Gen. SWEENEY.

The Pennsylvania Legislature—The Fish Convention.

HARRISBURGH, Tuesday, Jan. 2.

The Legislature will adjourn from to-morrow to the following Tuesday for the purpose of electing a State Treasurer. On Wednesday next the great "Fish" Convention is to commence here.

Meeting of Brewers.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, Jan. 2.

The annual meeting of the Brewers Association of Pennsylvania was held this evening. All the former officers were reelected. An immense amount of capital invested in breweries was represented at the meeting.

Loss of the Brig Celia M. Carver.

BOSTON, Tuesday, Jan. 2.

The brig *Celia M. Carver*, Capt. PRESY, from Georgetown, S. C., of and for Searsport, Me., was abandoned at sea, having encountered fearful weather. The crew were taken off and landed at Gloucester, Mass. Before the crew were rescued they had been exposed on the wreck for nine days without food or water, and they also suffered from extreme cold weather. One man died, and all the others are more or less frost bitten. It is feared Capt. PRESY will lose both hands.

Marine Disaster.

BOSTON, Tuesday, Jan. 2.

The schooner *Wilmington*, of Islesboro, lumber laden, was fallen in with Jan. 1, lat. 43 degrees, long. 69 degrees, dismasted and abandoned.

The Owego Charter Election—The Entire Union Ticket Elected.

OWEGO, N. Y., Tuesday, Jan. 2.

The charter election of Owego village occurred to-day. W. SMYTHE, of the Owego *Times*, was reelected President. The entire Union ticket was elected without opposition.

Sudden Death at Chicago.

CHICAGO, Tuesday, Jan. 2.

Yesterday, Mrs. SCRIPPS, (the wife of Ex-Postmaster SCRIPPS, of this city,) while engaged in receiving visits from her friends, at her residence, fell back suddenly in her chair, and died instantly without a struggle or a word.

Greene, the Malden Murderer.

BOSTON, Tuesday, Jan. 2.

The question of commuting the sentence of EDWARD W. GREENE, the Malden murderer, to imprisonment for life, was decided at a meeting of the Executive Council to-day in the negative. The vote stood three for imprisonment and six for hadning.

Attempt at Double Murder in Boston.

BOSTON, Monday, Jan. 1.

LEWIS F. SIMMONS, an Englishman, cut his wife's throat, and then his own, yesterday, at their boarding-house, from alleged jealousy. Both are at the City Hospital in a critical condition.

From Nashville.

NASHVILLE, Tuesday, Jan. 2.

The river is falling. There is now 25 feet of water on the shoals. The weather is very fine, but cold.

Cotton firm; operations limited; ruling rates from 42c.@43c. Receipts, 212 bales; shipments, 293 bales.

Snow-storm.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, Jan. 2.

A heavy snow-storm commenced here about 9 P. M., and still continues. Weather mild.

BALTIMORE, Tuesday, Jan. 2.

There was a light fall of snow this evening. Wind eastward.

The Court of Appeals.

ALBANY, Tuesday, Jan. 2.

The following is the day calendar of the Court of Appeals for Jan. 3:

Nos. 11, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21½, 22, 23, 24.

Quiet Among the Freedmen at Mobile.

MOBILE, Sunday, Dec. 31.

The negroes are quiet and exceedingly friendly. There is no danger of disturbance in this city.

THE FENIAN CONGRESS.

A Few Facts and Rumors.

There can be no doubt that we have a Fenian reality, a Fenian Congress among us; the evidences of its existence are in the policemen who guard the entrance at Clinton Hall, preserving order, peace and decorum; in the uniformed Lieutenant who stands near the iron fence which keeps off the uninitiated from the passage to the Congressional Hall; in the sentinels whose crossed bayonets forbid the entrance of any one who does not carry the proper credentials, and does not hold the certificate of delegate properly issued and indorsed.

Obedient to a call issued sometime since, the circles throughout the country elected delegates to meet in this city on the 2d of January, to consider matters connected with the interest, present and future, of the F. I. B. Before the recent emute, when matters throughout the States and provinces were uninterruptedly harmonious, when money was supplied by the hundreds of thousands, and letters of sympathy literally poured in upon the magnates at Union-square, the meeting of this Congress was looked forward to as an era in the actual advance of Irish freedom; but now its principal duty will consist in hearing and adjusting the difficulties between the two great factions into which the fraternity is divided.

With the Fenians, as with politicians generally, there is a great deal of outside talk which catches the ear of the press and finds its way to the public, producing an impression, true or false, according to the veracity and intelligence of the speakers, rather than the accuracy of the reporter. The Delegates have been coming in gradually for several days past, and have devoted themselves assiduously to unofficial investigation of the troubles at Head-quarters. Some sympathise with one, some with the other party, but all seem to feel that the difficulty must be settled, must be ended, and for the sake of the true interests of the F. I. B., one or the other party must give up—admit its error and stop its squarreling. With the errors of either party we have nothing to do; they have been spread broadcast over the land, and speak for themselves, but in the public events growing out of them the people have an undoubted interest.

Calling at the Hall of Congress, in Eighth-street, yesterday, we encountered first a large and motley crowd in the street and upon the pavement. Sundry of the men informed us with great confidence and kindness that the session had begun, and that the fate of Ireland was in the hands of the brothers in council. Having no good grounds of disbelief, we accepted the statement and passed through the crowd. At the door —the outer door—stood a tall man in the costume of a Metropolitan Policeman. From them we learned that the state of things then apparent had been unvaried for several hours, that they were not guarding the sacred hall itself, but were stationed there simply to look out for the public peace. Up and down the hall strode a sentinel clad in uniform, with a musket on his shoulder. Approaching the gate which was surrounded by a great number of "intelligent foreigners," we were refused admittance. An officer, Lieut. W. J. DOWNING, in the United States uniform with the United States button, stood in charge and two sentinels with crossed bayonets obeyed his directions. The latter, however, not cruel; his manner was pleasant, not brusque. He told us several things that we knew before, and declined to tell us many things of which we knew nothing. The fact is that a large number of delegates are here. Their names are for the most part wholly unknown to the public, and of no particular consequence. They met at Clinton Hall yesterday at 12 o'clock and organized, the entire proceedings being secret. It is promised that such transactions as are of public interest will be given to the press at the close of the session. The term will undoubtedly continue during the week, for in addition, to the regular matters of business before them, and the routine congressional work, there are two very important topics to be discussed and acted upon. These are, first, the trouble between O'MAHONY and the Senate; and second, the possible arrival of STEPHENS, and the duty of the Brotherhood in his present difficulties.

With regard to the first, the Congress is as yet entirely without official data, except such as have appeared from time to time in the public press. A Committee of Investigation is, we are informed, to be appointed, before whom the whole matter will be brought and sifted. Their report will undoubtedly be fair, and be adopted by the Congress, whose action in the matter will be final.

Concerning the possible arrival of Mr. STEPHENS, there are many rumors and much doubt. If, as is stated, he has sent two delegates to the Congress to act in his behalf, it would look as though he does not intend to come. In some circles, it cannot be denied that his arrival would be an era in Irish life and in newspaper excitements unsurpassed either by the musical furore which attended JENNY LIND, the sympathetic regime of KOSSUTH, or the wild popular curiosity which filled the streets during the tour of the Prince of WALES. The rumors current are, that in the name of Mr. STEPHENS his delegates have written a letter to the Senate, pointing out the unspeakable damage done the cause by the unhappy trouble, and urging its members to sink all personal feeling, and unite hands with all who are heartily working in the cause of the F. I. B. We understand that it was the intention of some of the leading men in the Congress to wait upon the Senate in form, and expostulate with its members for their intemperate and hasty action. However this may be, the Senate has shrewdly and effectually stopped all intercourse between the Congress and itself, during the sitting of the former, by an adjournment, and Congress will hardly deem it advisable to sit until the Senate reassembles.

The Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation—Colored Meeting at Cooper Union.

A goodly number of colored people held a jubilee meeting last evening at the Cooper Institute, to celebrate the anniversary of the issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation. Mr. GARNET, of Washington, an eloquent colored clergyman, delivered an eloquent address on "The Freedmen of the South," and recounted their sufferings and trials in a manner that drew tears from every eye. He also briefly referred to negro suffrage, and claimed that the blacks were willing, in order to obtain the right to vote, that a certain amount of education should be made the qualification for all voters, white as well as black. Addresses were made by Mr. BOAZ, of Boston, and others.

Death of Thomas B. Stillman.

The *Evening Post* says: We regret to announce the death of a man of great personal worth, THOMAS B. STILLMAN, Esq., of this city, at his country residence in Plainfield, N. J., in the 60th year of his age. Mr. STILLMAN was, along with Rev. Dr. NOTT, the founder of the Novelty Iron Works at the foot of Twelfth-street, on the North River, which he superintended with great ability, diligence and success till the year 1852, when he retired from that branch of business. He may be called the father of coastwise navigation in this country, since he established the first line of steamships on our coast—the *Southerner* and *Northerner*—carrying passengers and freight between this city and Charleston, in South Carolina. He was much esteemed for his strict integrity, his practical good sense and his capacity for business. His habits of life were uncommonly diligent and laborious, and to his close attention to business may be ascribed the impaired state of his health, which rendered him an easy victim to an attack of pneumonia, the disease by which his life was terminated.

MURDER IN WILLIAMSBURGH.

A Saloon Keeper Assassinated at his own Door—Arrest of the Perpetrators.

About 3 o'clock New-Year's morning, the keeper of a lager-bier saloon at No. 139 Meserole-street, Eastern District, was shot on the threshold of his premises by a party of ruffians, and died within ten minutes. This murder was perpetrated in the most cold-blooded manner, without any palliating circumstances whatever. The following are the particulars of the tragic affair:

Just previous to 3 A. M. a party of men visited the lager-bier saloon of HUGO WEICHNER, No. 139 Meserole-street, armed with Enfield rifles and pistols, and called for drinks. These were supplied by WEICHNER, and after they were partaken of the party called for more, stating that they wanted their "New-Year." WEICHNER said that he could not afford to give them anything more unless they paid for it, when they became turbulent and threatening, WEICHNER in the meantime pursuing a conciliatory course, and advising them to go home. The ruffians finally left the saloon and congregated on the sidewalk, where they loaded their pieces and discharged them promiscuously.

WEICHNER followed them to the door, saying in a bland manner in the German language, "Good night," but the scoundrels did not reciprocate his kindness of heart, and fired three blank shots into his saloon. At this stage of the proceedings WEICHNER concluded to close his place, and stepped again to the door for that purpose, when one of the party discharged an Enfield rifle at him, the ball from which taking effect in the right of his breast, coming out on the left side, shattering his arm and lodging in the casing of the door, where it still remains imbedded. WEICHNER then staggered into the rear room of his saloon, exclaiming, "O, father, I'm shot!" He then fell to the floor, groaned and expired.

Officer DE LA HUNT, of the Forty-sixth Precinct, was attracted to the place by the report of firearms, and after noticing what had occurred notified Capt. MULLAN. That official, with his usual promptitude, dispatched Sergts. FOSMIRE and MAIDOR with several officers to pursue and capture the murderers at all hazards. This order was promptly obeyed and faithfully executed. Within three hours of the bloody tragedy every man engaged in it was arrested and lodged in the cells of the station-house. The credit of these arrests are properly due to Sergt. FOSMIRE and officer DE LA HUNT, though they were ably seconded by their fellow-officers.

The following are the names of the parties arrested: GEORGE SCHMIDT, German, 20 years of age, safe-maker by occupation. SCHMIDT was arrested at his residence, No. 131 Ewen-street, with the Enfield rifle in his possession and three ball cartridges in his pocket. Capt. MULLIN has the rifle and cartridges at the station-house.

JOHN SHUHNOTT, German, 40 years of age, cooper by occupation, residing at No. 114 Boerum-street.

JOHN RUBENSTEIN, German, 19 years of age, a tailor by occupation.

JACOB RUBENSTEIN, brother of the former, aged 20 years, same occupation.

NICHOLAS WEAVER, German, 40 years of age, same occupation.

The three after all reside at No. 185 Johnson-street. All the prisoners, with the exception of SHUHANOTT, belong to a social club at the corner of Ewen and Scholes streets. SCHMIDT was president of this club and his term of office expired at 12 o'clock Sunday night.

The murdered man was a native of Baden, Germany, aged 24 years.

Coroner SMITH will hold an inquest this morning, the first since he assumed the office of Coroner, the term of office of his predecessor, Coroner BARRETT, having expired three hours before the murder.

The Murder of Hugo Weichner—Coroner's Inquest and Verdict of the Jury.

Coroner SMITH and a jury concluded an inquest in the matter of the murder of HUGO WEICHNER at 9 o'clock last night. The evidence adduced bore out the facts as given in relation to the tragedy.

Dr. Joseph Creamer being sworn, said: I am a medical practitioner, and reside at No. 77 South Second-street; I examined the body of the deceased, Hugo Weichner, near the corner of Meserole-street and Graham-avenue; I found externally upon the body a wound half an inch from the left nipple; I found that the ball, or whatever it was, entered the chest between the second and third ribs, cutting through the great vessels above the heart, and escaped at the right armpit; I believe the wounds were caused by a gunshot; I believe death was caused by the division of the great vessels that carried on the circulation.

Coroner SMITH then gave the case to the jury, and after a short deliberation the foreman announced the following verdict:

"We find that HUGO WEICHNER came to his death by a gunshot wound fired at him from a musket in the hands of GEORGE SCHMIDT, and that JOHN RUBENSTEIN was accessory to the fact. We also thank Capt. MULLIN, Officer DE LA HUNT and the police generally, of the Forty-sixth Precinct, for their promptitude in arresting the prisoners."

On the receipt of this verdict, Coroner SMITH called up the prisoners and put the usual questions. SCHMIDT said he was a native of Germany, 20 years of age, a safemaker by occupation, and claimed that the shooting was accidental.

JOHN RUBENSTEIN stated that he was 18 years of age, born in Germany, a tailor by occupation, and resided at No. 185 Johnson-street. He acknowledged that he fired off a pistol, but meant no harm.

The Coroner then committed SCHMIDT and RUBENSTEIN to the County Jail, to await the action of the Grand Jury, and sent down JOHN SHUHNOTT, NICHOLAS WEAVER and JACOB RUBENSTEIN to the House of Detention for witnesses.

The murdered man, HUGO WEICHNER, was only 24 years of age, of genial disposition, proprietor of the saloon where he was shot, and had been making preparations to be married to a young woman belonging to his native place (Baden, Germany,) who is hourly expected to arrive in this country.

Court Calendar—This Day.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT—*Part I.*—Same as yesterday. *Part II.*—Held by Justice Balcolm at No. 73 Duane-street.—Nos. 629, 595, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 1018, 904, 760, 1040, 1088, 1094, 890, 2, 90, 136, 138, 154.

SUPREME COURT—GENERAL TERM.—Held by Presiding Justice Barnard and Justices Clerke and Ingraham. Preferred causes Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11. Enumerated motions Nos. 11½, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.—Held by Justice Sutherland.—Nos. 20, 36, 49, 60, 67. The general call commences at No. 71.

SUPERIOR COURT.—*Part I.*—Nos. 491, 4669, 969, 515, 5537, 1281, 1339, 1679, 5005, 5400¾, 1589, 1755, 1777, 1549. *Part II.*—Nos. 482, 742, 1686, 3810, 2156, 2168, 2174, 1818, 1986, 1764, 1452, 2026, 2078, 2158, 2160.

COMMON PLEAS.—*Part I.*—Nos. 1201, 1209, 908, 738, 1189, 1089, 1298, 1299, 1300, 1301, 1302, 1303, 1305, 1307, 1308. *Part II.*—Nos. 1147, 563, 1179, 1180, 1248, 1272, 1176, 1275, 593, 1146, 1273, 1285, 1046, 779, 1310.

BROOKLYN CITY COURT.—Jan. 3.—Nos. 86, 21, 22, 24 to 29 inclusive; 31 to 35 inclusive; 37, 38, 40, 41, 42, 19.

GENERAL CITY NEWS.

A MAN SHOT BY A POLICEMAN.—About an hour after dusk, on Sunday evening, Sergeant WILSON, Roundsman TOWNE and Officer MULLEN, of the Fourth Precinct, were passing through Chatham-square, when their attention was attracted by an altercation between several men in respect to a horse. The officers, understanding from the controversy, that the horse had been stolen, naturally accosted the men, making inquiries in regard to the ownership of the animal. One of the men, PATRICK BRENNAN, a hackman, told the officers "that it was none of their —— business," and at the same time struck Officer MULLEN in the face, and attempting to run away, when Officer MULLEN drew a revolver and shot BRENNAN in the knee, inflicting a painful wound. The injured man was conveyed to the Fourth Precinct Station-house, attended by Police Surgeon WATERMAN, and subsequently sent home. The wound is not considered of a dangerous character.

FIRES.—Between 2 and 3 o'clock, yesterday afternoon, a fire occurred on the second floor of No. 136 Prince-street, occupied by PIEHL & BRANDER as a batting establishmrnt. Loss $150; insured for $2,300 in Germania Insurance Company. The fire was caused by a child playing with matches while in bed.....At half past 6 o'clock last night, the stable of ELIZA J. COLLINS, at the rear of No. 113 Monroe-street, was damaged by fire to the extent of $150. Insured.

GRAND ORGAN AND VOCAL CONCERT.—Mr. GEORGE W. MORGAN, organist of Grace Church, will give a grand concert at the Lee-avenue Reformed Dutch Church, Brooklyn, this evening, assisted by Mrs. ROGERS and Misses RICH and THURSBY. The programme comprises some choice selections, and from the well-known ability of the artists a rare musical treat may be expected.

ACCIDENTALLY DROWNED.—Monday afternoon a man named DANIEL GRIFFIN fell overboard from the steamtug *Stevens*, at Pier No. 1, North River, and drowned before aid could reach him. The body was not recovered.

NEW-JERSEY.

HORSE AND BUGGY STOLEN.—A light bay pacer about fourteen and a half hands high, with a new black box buggy, were stolen on the evening of New-Year's day in Bloomfield, New-Jersey. The thieves were traced toward Mont Clair, but no definite clue as to the direction taken subsequently has since been obtained, although the robbery was discovered within ten minutes after it was perpetrated. Mr. JASON CRANE, of No. 108 Liberty-street, was the owner of the establishment, which is more than likely to bring up in this city sooner or later.

American Institute Fair.

From the New-York Tribune.

DENTISTRY.—Dr. M. LEVETT, No. 777 Broadway, exhibits a case containing a few specimens of improved dentistry which deserves special mention for their lightness, method of construction and superior elegance and naturalness of finish. There are several sets of teeth attached to a patent combination base composed of vulcanised rubber, and gold wire gauze plate, in which are arranged small cells or chambers in the base at points resting upon the toothless gum. These cavities are so arranged that the air is exhausted from them by the tongue, thus giving a much firmer seat to the artificial teeth upon the gum than has ever been attained in the most successful dentistry heretofore in use. Teeth adjusted by Dr. LEVETT's patent method require a much less area of surface in the mouth than the ordinary method of attaching them to metal plates, and are not much more than half their weight.—*Advertisement.*

Passengers Arrived.

In steamship Evening Star, from New-Orleans—Mrs. Wm. Lees and servant, G. A. Norton, W. C. Holbrook, E. F. Stone, R. Jones and wife, H. A. Brastrget, Sam. Simpson, wife, 2 children and servant, H. W. Bailey, H. J. Smith, Mr. Lasseane, wife, 7 children and servant, C. Hagnet, A. L. Fisk, J. C. Pratt, M. Milmaro, Capt. E. Murphy, Thos. Johnson, Capt. S. Samuels, J. W. Pratt, J. W. Echols, W. J. Armstrong, J. Beannoch, Capt. F. G. Daggett, Capt. F. C. Choate, Lieut. R. C. Lambert, Capt. S. P. Evans, Lieut. B. A. Stevens, and 14 in second cabin.

MINIATURE ALMANAC—THIS DAY.

Sun rises..... 7 25 | Sun sets..... 4 44 | Moon sets.... 8 44

HIGH WATER—THIS DAY.

Sandy Hook.. 8 20 | Gov. Island. 9 09 | Hell Gate...10 31

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

NEW-YORK....TUESDAY, Jan. 2.

Cleared.

Steamships Washington, Chichester, Philadelphia, J. Handi; Peruvian, (Br.,) Ballantine, Liverpool, via Portland, Williams & Guion; Patapsco, Nell, Baltimore, J. B. Small.

Steamers Glanous Gale, Boston, Neptune Steamship Co.; Eastern City, Munday, Philadelphia; Wm. Woodward, South Amboy, W. Dalsell.

Ship Caroline Magnus, Ashley, Mobile, Wm. Whitlock, Jr.

Brigs Nora, (Br.,) Fostevin, Queenstown for orders, Geo. T. Bailey; Bogota, (Br.,) Negro, Santa Martha, Hoadley, Eno & Co.

Schooners A. Dexter, Chase, New-Orleans, Van Brunt & Slaght; Pioneer, Lockrup, Galveston, C. L. Ready & Co.; Mary Chilton, (Br.,) Blake, Kingston; Hattie Low, Warner, Accomac; Globe, Strong, New-London, Metcalf & Duncan; Wm. Cousins, (Br.,) Bell, Laguayra, via Porto Cabello, H. J. De Wolf; Caroline L. Cornelis, Davis, Powderhorn, Texas, Bentley, Smith & Co.; Cameo, E. well, Elizabethport, Jed Frye & Co.

Arrived.

Steamship Andalusia, Bursley, Charleston Dec. 30, with mdse. and passengers to Arthur Leary. Had heavy weather the entire passage.

Steamship Louisa Moore, Wooster, Morehead City, N. C., 70 hours, with mdse. to Murray & Nephew. Brought to this port Capt. Wm. Greenman, eleven crew and two passengers of steamship Constitution, wrecked on Cape Lookout Shoals Dec. 28.

Steamship Britannia, Laird, Glasgow Dec. 13, with mdse. and 232 passengers to F. Macdonald. Experienced heavy westerly gales the entire passage.

Steamship Lavaca, Whitmarsh, New-Orleans Dec. 26, via Havana 29th, with mdse. and passengers to J. A. Rayner.

Steamship Americus, Lindt, Savannah Dec. 28, with mdse. and passengers to Wakeman, Gookin & Dickinson.

Steamship Gen. Custer, Beckett, Alexandria 48 hours, with mdse. to H. B. Cromwell & Co.

Steamship Franconia, Sherwood, Portland, with mdse. and passengers to H. B. Cromwell & Co.

Steamship Wilmington, Spencer, Galveston 8 ds., with mdse. and passengers to Williams & Guion.

Steamer Baltimore, Lewis, Georgetown, D. C., with mdse. to James Hand.

Steamer Alliance, Thompson, Philadelphia.

Ship E. Stetson, Burlbut, London and Isle of Wight Nov. 16, with mdse. and 221 passengers to Grinnell. Have had strong westerly gales to lon. 62; lost sails, carried away foremast and bowsprit. Dec. 7 lost 2 men ill for duty, the remainder being frozen and otherwise disabled. Dec. 8, Thos. Jeffrey fell from the foretopmast-yard overboard and was lost. Had 3 deaths.

Ship Adelaide, Cutting, Liverpool Dec. 2, with mdse. and 202 passengers to Williams & Guion. From Dec. 20 to 28, experienced terrific gales from W. Anchored on the bar night of Jan. 1.

Bark Dorette, (Brem.,) Schulken, Bremen 66 ds., with mdse. and 302 passengers to Funch, Me

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JERSEY CITY COUPON BONDS.
JERSEY CITY, Dec. 27, 1865.
Notice is hereby given that the coupons due Jan. 1, 1866, on the bonds of this city, will be paid on presentation at the National Bank, New-York, and the Second National Bank, Jersey City.
E. F. C. YOUNG, City Treasurer.

$500 REWARD.
Notice is hereby given that the following United States Seven-Thirty Bonds, date of June 15, 1865, have been stolen, and the public are cautioned against negotiating the same. The bonds of $500 each.
No. 20,703, second series.
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The above reward will be given for the recovery of the bonds at the Office of the New-York Times.

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JOLIET AND CHICAGO RAILROAD—Coupons of First Mortgage Bonds;
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DUBUQUE SOUTHWESTERN RAILROAD—Coupons of First Mortgage Preferred Bonds;
DETROIT AND MILWAUKEE RAILROAD—Coupons; and
DETROIT AND PONTIAC RAILROAD—Coupons due Jan. 1, 1866,
Will be paid at our office, No. 59 Exchange-place, New-York, on the 2d day of January, less government tax.
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Apply to GEO. C. DUNBAR, No. 40 Pine-st., dealer in Telegraph and Express Stocks, and all description of securities not sold at the Stock Exchanges.

GREENWICH SAVINGS BANK, NEW-YORK, Jan. 2, 1866.
JANUARY INTEREST FOR 1866.—The Board of Trustees of this institution have directed that interest at the rate of Five per cent. per annum on all sums of $500 and under, and of Four per cent. on deposits from $500 to $2,000, free from government tax, be allowed to depositors entitled thereto, payable on and after MONDAY, Jan. 15. All interest not drawn will draw interest from Jan. 1 as principal.
WHEELWRIGHT, President.
JOHN S. DICKERSON, } Secretaries.
JAMES BRYCE, }

MISSISSIPPI AND MISSOURI RAILROAD COMPANY.—The stockholders and bondholders of the Mississippi and Missouri Railroad Company, are hereby requested to deposit the stock and bonds held by them without delay with the Union Trust Company, No. 73 Broadway, in conformity with the resolution passed at the meeting of 20th October last.
GEO. W. STANTON, Jr., } Committee.
JOHN ELLIOTT, }
B. WILSON, }

BANK DEPARTMENT, ALBANY, Dec. 27, 1865.
THE GENESEE RIVER BANK, MOUNT MORRIS, has this day filed in this office a notice of the appointment of the NATIONAL BANK OF THE STATE OF NEW-YORK, as agent for the redemption of its circulating notes, together with a revocation of the appointment of the Metropolitan Bank, as such agent, agreeable to the act entitled "An act to amend the several acts relating to incorporated banks, banking associations and individual bankers," passed April 17, 1851.
ELI ROOT, JR., } Deputy Superintendent.
ENOS KEYES, }

YATES COUNTY SALT MANUFACTURING AND PETROLEUM COMPANY, No. 37 Liberty-st., NEW-YORK, Jan. 2, 1866.
ELECTION.—THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR Trustees of the Yates County Salt Manufacturing and Petroleum Company will be held on MONDAY, Jan. 15, 1866. Polls will be open from 2 to 3 P. M.
By order of the Board.
S. J. EURRELL, Secretary.

FOURTH NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, NOS. 27 AND 29 PINE-ST.
THE REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING of the shareholders of this bank for the election of nine Directors, and three Inspectors of Election, to serve for one year, will be held at their banking-house, as above, on the second TUESDAY of January next, (9th inst.), at 12 o'clock noon, and closing at 2 o'clock P. M.
B. SEAMAN, Cashier.
NEW-YORK, 9th December, 1865.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKholders of the SUSQUEHANNA AND WYOMING VALLEY RAILROAD AND COAL COMPANY will be held at the office of the company, No. 17 Trinity Building, No. 111 Broadway, New-York, on TUESDAY, the 23d of January, 1866, at 3 o'clock P. M., for the election of directors, contraction of the dividend on the stock, and the transaction of other business.
ELLIS POTTER, Secretary.

THE NATIONAL MECHANICS' BANKING ASSOCIATION OF NEW-YORK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 6, 1865.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of this bank, for the election of Directors for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking-house No. 36 Wall-st., in this city, on MONDAY, the 8th day of January next, between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock P. M.
F. CHANDLER, Cashier.

NATIONAL BROADWAY BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 27, 1865.
ELECTION.—THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR Directors of this bank, and for inspectors of the next ensuing election, will be held at the banking-house on TUESDAY, the 9th day of January next, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.
JAMES L. WORTH, Cashier.

THE CHATHAM NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 4, 1865.
AN ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS OF this association will be held at the banking-room, on TUESDAY, the 9th day of January next, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M. By order of the board.
WM. H. SLOCUM, President.
CHAS. A. WHITNEY, Secretary.

METROPOLITAN NATIONAL BANK,
No. 108 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 15, 1865.
ELECTION.—THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR Directors of the Metropolitan National Bank will be held on TUESDAY, the 9th day of January proximo
The polls will open at 12 M. and close at 1 P. M.
GEORGE I. SENEY, Cashier.

THE NATIONAL CITIZENS' BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 19, 1865.
AN ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS OF this Bank will be held at the Banking-room, on TUESDAY, the 9th day of January next. Polls open from 12 to 1 o'clock, P. M.
W. H. OAKLEY, Cashier.

TENTH NATIONAL BANK, No. 240 BROADWAY,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1865.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the banking-house on the second TUESDAY (9th proximo), between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.
J. H. STOUT, Cashier.

EIGHTH NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 6, 1865.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the banking-house, No. 660 Broadway, on TUESDAY, Jan. 9, 1866, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.
CHARLES HUDSON, Cashier.

THE CROTON NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, 17 Nassau-st.,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 9, 1865.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the banking rooms on TUESDAY, January 9, 1866, between the hours of 10 M. and 1 P. M.
R. M. HEDDEN, Cashier.

GROCER'S NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 11, 1865.
AN ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS OF this Bank will be held at the Banking-house, on TUESDAY, 9th day of January, 1866, from 12 to 1 o'clock.
SAMUEL B. WHITE, Cashier.

PHENIX NATIONAL BANK, New-York, Dec. 27, 1865.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank, and for Inspectors of the next ensuing election, will be held at the banking house, on TUESDAY, the 9th of January proximo. Polls open from 12 M. to 1 P. M.
JOHN PARKER, Cashier.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 30, 1865.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of the Hudson River Petroleum Company will be held at No. 99 Maiden-lane on TUESDAY, Jan. 9, at 1 o'clock P. M.
SAMUEL P. MITCHILL, Jr., Secretary.

WANTED—$100,000 SPECIAL CAPITAL IN A well-established business, for which a fair interest will be paid and guaranteed for five years; the general capital being large and fully equal to the hazards of the investment; references in a financial capacity for safe investment. Inquire at Atlantic National Bank, or address A., Post-office Box No. 6,749.

LOST—CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT NO. 288, FOR the sum of $360, made by the Park Bank to the order of H. Nordlinger, and endorsed by W. H. Frazier. All persons are cautioned against negotiating such.
SURSFELD, LORSCH & CO.,
No. 13 Maiden-lane.

LOST—A CERTIFICATE FOR 100 SHARES QUICKSILVER MINING COMPANY, No. 4,734, in the name of Isaac H. Reed. Notice is hereby given that the same will be refused unless why a new certificate should not be issued therefor.
GEO. W. RYERSON, Jauncey Court.

COUPONS OF THE PLACERVILLE AND SACRAMENTO VALLEY RAILROAD, due Jan. 1, 1866, will be paid on presentation at our office after that date, less government tax.
WELLS, FARGO & CO., No. 84 Broadway.

AN ELECTION OF TRUSTEES OF THE Mendenhall Oil and Mining Company will be held at their office, No. 120 Broadway, Jan. 9, 1866, from 11 A. M. to 0 o'clock P. M. By order of the Board of Trustees.
HARVEY BAKER, Secretary.

REMOVAL.—THE OFFICE OF THE GERMANIA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY has been removed to their new building, No. 178 Broadway.
Dec. 28, 1865.

FINANCIAL.

EWELL & CLARKE,
(SUCCESSORS TO STEDMAN, EWELL & CO.,)
BANKERS & BROKERS,
No. 57 Exchange-place and No. 19 Broad-st.,
NEW-YORK.
Prompt attention given to the purchase and sale on commission of GOVERNMENT SECURITIES, GOLD BONDS, RAILROAD and PETROLEUM STOCKS.
Mail and telegraphic orders executed with dispatch.
Also for all securities dealt in at the Stock Exchange.

HENRY A. HEISER'S SONS,
DEALERS IN
U. S. GOVERNMENT SECURITIES,
NO. 32 WALL-ST.,
BUY AND SELL
U. S. 6 PER CENT. COMPOUND INTEREST NOTES.
U. S. 5 PER CENT. 1-YEAR COMPOUND NOTES.
U. S. 7-30 TREASURY NOTES.
ALSO, ALL KINDS OF GOVERNMENT SECURITIES AT MARKET RATES.
ALSO, CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS.
ORDERS FROM BANKS AND BANKERS EXECUTED ON FAVORABLE TERMS.
MARCH, MAY AND NOVEMBER
Coupons Cashed in Gold.
Gold in any amount under $5,000 bought and sold over the counter at market rates, and orders for a larger amount executed in the Gold Exchange by one of the firm.

CENTRAL PACIFIC RAILROAD
STATE AID BONDS.
Interest at the rate of
SEVEN PER CENT. PER ANNUM,
IN GOLD,
Payable semi-annually,
Guaranteed and paid by the
STATE OF CALIFORNIA.
The bonds are secured by a mortgage on 160 miles of road, from Sacramento to the California State line, forming part of the GREAT PACIFIC RAILROAD ROUTE ADOPTED and AIDED by the UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. They are further secured by a SINKING FUND of $50,000 PER ANNUM, reserved from the earnings of the road, and PLEDGED FOR THEIR REDEMPTION. They are a first-class security in every respect, and a limited amount will be offered upon terms which render them a VERY ATTRACTIVE and DESIRABLE INVESTMENT. For further particulars inquire at our office, No. 5 Nassau-st.
FISK & HATCH, BANKERS.

THOMPSON & CORNING,
STOCK AND BOND BROKERS,
No. 43 Wall-st., New-York.
Government securities, stocks, bonds and gold bought and sold on commission.
CHARLES G. THOMPSON. EDWIN CORNING,
Member of the N. Y. Stock Exchange.

MANGAM & TALBERT,
BANKERS,
NO. 49 WALL-ST.
DEALERS IN GOVERNMENT STOCKS.
BONDS AND GOLD BOUGHT AND SOLD ON COMMISSION.
INTEREST ALLOWED ON DAILY BALANCES, SUBJECT TO CHECK AT SIGHT.

NORWOOD & LOCKWOOD,
BROKERS
IN
STOCKS, BONDS AND GOVERNMENT SECURITIES,
NO. 17 WILLIAM-ST., NEW-YORK.
A. G. NORWOOD, late of the N. Y. Stock Exchange. JNO. F. LOCKWOOD, late of Buffalo.

BROWN BROTHERS & CO.,
ISSUE COMMERCIAL AND TRAVELERS' CREDITS FOR USE IN THE COUNTRY AND ABROAD

WINSLOW, LANIER & CO. WILL PAY interest on the following securities Jan. 2, 1866:
Indiana State 5 per cent. bonds.
Indiana State 5's per cent. bonds.
Indiana Central Railroad 10 per cent. bonds.
Indiana and Illinois Central Railroad bonds.
Dayton and Michigan 1st mortgage bonds.
Dayton and Michigan funded debt.
State of Kansas bonds.
City of Wheeling, Virginia, bonds.
Town of Marietta, Ohio, bonds.
Town of Harmer, Ohio, bonds.
Washington County, Ohio, bonds.
Junction Railroad Company, Indiana, bonds.
Pittsburgh, Ft. Wayne and Chicago Railroad 1st and 2d mortgage bonds.

OFFICE OF MUSE-RAT EYE PETROLEUM COMPANY, NO. 8 WALL-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1865.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Stockholders of the Muse-Rat Eye Petroleum Company, of Venango County, Penn., for the election of a Board of Directors to serve during the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting, will be held at this office, on TUESDAY, Jan. 9, 1866, at 11 o'clock A. M.
The polls will be open from 11 A. M. to 12 M.
J. YOUNG, Secretary.

STATE OF MICHIGAN,
STATE TREASURER'S OFFICE,
LANSING, Dec. 27, 1865.
THE INTEREST DUE JAN. 1, 1866, ON Bonds issued by the State of Michigan, will be paid at the Assistant Treasurer's Bank, in the City of New-York. The following described "War Loan Bonds," issued under the Act of 1861, will be paid at the same time and place, and the interest will cease:
$1,000 Bonds—Nos. 26, 36, 394, 621, 698, 724, 952, 964.
$500 Bonds—Nos. 42, 93, 161, 225, 276.
J. OWEN, State Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE KENTUCKY BOURBON CO.,
LEXINGTON, KY., Dec. 20, 1865.
A MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of this Company for the election of directors and the transaction of other business, will be held at the office, No. 49 Nassau-st., New-York, on TUESDAY, Jan. 9, 1866, at 11 o'clock A. M.
C. H. SANBORN, President.

THE TRADESMEN'S NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 23, 1865.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS will be held on TUESDAY, January 9, 1866, from 12 M. to 2 P. M.
ANTHONY HALSEY, Cashier.

THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING Fund of the State of Ohio will, on the 1st day of January, 1866, at No. 23 William-st., New-York, pay the interest and principal of the Loan of July 1, 1846, Five Per Cent. Ohio Stocks, payable at the pleasure of the State after Dec. 31, 1865. By order of the Board.
JAS. H. GODMAN, President.

OFFICE OF TARSHISH SILVER MINING COMPANY,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 27, 1865.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKholders of this company for the election of Trustees, will be held at the office of the company on MONDAY, Jan. 8, from 12 to 1 P. M.
ALFRED A. POST, Secretary.

MILL CREEK OIL COMPANY, No. 77 Cedar-st.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Stockholders of this Company for the election of Trustees and for the transaction of other business, will be held at the office of the Company on TUESDAY, Jan. 9 next, from 1 to 2 o'clock P. M.
W. B. HOYT, Secretary.

THE NATIONAL PARK BANK OF NEW-YORK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1865.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECtors of this Bank, and for Inspectors of the next ensuing election, will be held at the Banking-house on TUESDAY, the 9th day of January next, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.
JAMES L. WORTH, Cashier.

THE CHATHAM NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 4, 1865.
AN ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS OF this association will be held at the banking-room, on TUESDAY, the 9th day of January next, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M. By order of the board.
WM. H. SLOCUM, President.
CHAS. A. WHITNEY, Secretary.

OFFICE STAR FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
CORNER OF GREENWICH AND DEY STS., NORTH RIVER BUILDING, NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1865.
ELECTION.—The annual election for directors of this company will be held at the office on MONDAY, the 8th day of January next, between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock P. M.
NICHOLAS C. MILLER, Secretary.

NATIONAL BUTCHERS' AND DROVERS' BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 23, 1865.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECtors of this bank and for three inspectors of the next election will be held at the banking house, No. 124 Bowery, on TUESDAY, Jan. 9 next. The poll will open at 10 o'clock and close at 2 P. M. By order of the board.
R. P. PERRIN, Cashier.

OFFICE OF THE HONEY BROOK COAL COMPANY,
No. 209 Walnut-st.,
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 19, 1865.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKholders and election for Directors of the Company will be held at this office on WEDNESDAY, 3d proximo, at one o'clock P. M.
S. MCHENRY, Secretary.

PACIFIC NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 30, 1865.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR THIRteen Directors of this Bank will be held at their banking-house, TUESDAY, the 9th day of January next, between the hours of 12 o'clock M. and 1 o'clock P. M. By order of the Board,
R. BUCK, Cashier.

ST. MARK'S FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1865.
ELECTION.—THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR Directors of this company will be held at the office of the company, No. 67 Wall-st., on TUESDAY, Jan. 9, 1866, between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock.
WASHINGTON POST, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE HIGELOW BLUE STONE COMPANY,
MALDEN, Ulster Co., N. Y., Dec. 26, 1865.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF TRUSTEES of this company and Inspectors of the next election will be held at the office of the company, the first day, the 8th day of January next, between the hours of 1 and 2 o'clock.
H. BOGARDUS, Secretary.

CLEVELAND, PAINESVILLE AND ASHTABULA RAILROAD COMPANY, CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 26, 1865.
NOTICE.—THE JULY AND JANUARY COUPONS, DUE JAN. 1, 1866, ON the Special Mortgage Bonds of this company issued to the Sunbury and Erie Railroad Company, will be paid at the Ocean National Bank of City of New-York.
GEO. B. ELY, Treasurer.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 27, 1865.
NOTICE.—THE COUPONS OF THE FIRST Mortgage Bonds of the Columbus and Indianapolis Railroad, and Columbus and Indianapolis Central Railway Company, due on January next, will be paid at the Saint Nicholas National Bank on and after the 2d prox.
R. E. SMITH, President.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT there will be a meeting of the stockholders of CLARK'S PATENT IMPROVED STEAM REGULATOR CO., held at their office, No. 117 Broadway, on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 10, 1866, at 3 o'clock P. M., for the transaction of business and the election of officers for the ensuing year. By order of
W. H. PERRINE, President.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKholders of the Muskrat Run Petroleum Company for the election of directors will be held at the office of the company, No. 71 Wall-st., New-York, on the second TUESDAY in January next (9th) at 12 o'clock M.
J. E. CARY, President.
DEC. 26, 1865.

SEVENTH WARD NATIONAL BANK OF NEW-YORK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 30, 1865.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF DIRECTORS of this bank will be held at its banking-house on TUESDAY, Jan. 9, 1866, from 1 until 2 o'clock P. M.
C. MONTAGUE, Cashier.

COMMERCE FIRE INSURANCE CO. OF NEW-YORK,
OFFICE NO. 27 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK, Jan. 2, 1866.
DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of Five Per Cent. (free from government tax,) payable on and after Monday, the 8th inst.
WM. E. HOXIE, Secretary.

THE COUPONS AND BONDS OF THE CITY OF BUFFALO, due Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, 1866, will be paid on and after the above dates, on presentation at the office of DUNCAN, SHERMAN & CO., Bankers.

FINANCIAL.

FISK & HATCH,
BANKERS AND DEALERS IN
GOVERNMENT SECURITIES
NO. 5 NASSAU-ST.,
Keep on hand and buy and sell at market rates, all issues of
UNITED STATES BONDS, SEVEN-THIRTY TREASURY NOTES, COMPOUND INTEREST NOTES, CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS, &c.
Agents for the sale of the
UNITED STATES 25-YEAR 6 PER CENT. BONDS, issued in aid of the Central Pacific R. R.,
and of the
CENTRAL PACIFIC RAILROAD STATE AID BONDS, bearing 7 PER CENT. Interest in GOLD, GUARANTEED and PAID by the STATE OF CALIFORNIA.
Accounts of Banks, Bankers and others received on favorable terms.
Orders for the purchase and sale of Miscellaneous Stocks and Bonds, executed with care and promptness at the
REGULAR STOCK EXCHANGE.

H. J. MESSENGER,
BANKER,
NO. 139 BROADWAY,
All denominations of 7 3-10 notes on hand for immediate delivery.
Gold, Government Securities, Stocks and Bonds bought and sold on commission.

7 3-10 CURRENCY COUPONS,
DUE DEC. 15.
1881 GOLD COUPONS,
DUE JAN. 1, 1866,
cashed by
MANN & BRUNDAGE,
No. 36 Pine-st.

A. J. MAYER & CO.,
BANKERS AND BROKERS,
No. 46 Exchange-place, up stairs, New-York.

CHARLES BONNER,
MINING ENGINEER,
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.
Inspects mining properties throughout the Pacific States and reports on their capacities, conditions, methods of working, &c. Every description of mining work and machinery projected and executed. Mining enterprises in California and Nevada conducted in the most economical and advantageous manner. Special attention will be paid to all orders from the Atlantic States.
For the correct and faithful execution of all work entrusted to him, refers, by permission, to
Messrs. BARRON & CO., San Francisco.
W. C. RALSTON, Esq., San Francisco.
Messrs. WORTH, ELLERBROOK & CO., San Francisco.
WILLIAM T. COLEMAN, Esq., San Francisco.
Messrs. DONAHUE, KELLY & CO., San Francisco.
J. B. DICKINSON, Esq., New-York.
Hon. W. M. STEWART, U. S. Senate, Nevada.

DESIGNATED DEPOSITORY OF THE UNITED STATES.
THIRD NATIONAL BANK
OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK.
NEW-YORK, Dec. 6, 1865.
The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank, for the election of directors, will be held at their banking-house on the second TUESDAY in January next. By order of the board.
J. C. MARSELLUS, Assistant Cashier.

SOUTHERN INVESTMENTS.
H. WALLER is now at the Banking-house of LEES & WALLER, No. 38 Pine-st., prepared to arrange for loans to planters, secured by mortgage, on the best plantations in Mississippi and Louisiana, to raise the cotton crop of 1866, with a return of interest and a share of the profits. Parties desirous of investing will please apply promptly.

LOCK WOOD & CO., BANKERS,
NO. 94 BROADWAY AND NO. 6 WALL-ST.
Dealers in government and other securities.
Interest allowed on gold and currency, subject to check at sight. Gold loaned to merchants and bankers upon favorable terms.

TRAVELING CREDITS.
Circular notes for £10 and upwards, on the Union Bank of London, available in the principal towns and cities of Europe, for sale, at the current rate of exchange, by
L. P. MORTON & CO., Bankers. No. 35 Wall-st.

GREENLEAF, NORRIS & CO.,
STOCK BROKERS,
No. 44 Exchange-place, New-York.

CAUTION.—A CHECK, DATED NOV. 16, 1865, signed by Charles Amory, Treasurer, for two thousand dollars, ($2,000,) in favor of Esther S. Green, on the Central National Bank, New-York, having been lost or stolen from the owner, payment on the same has been stopped. All persons are cautioned against negotiating said check.—BOSTON, Jan. 1, 1866.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of the New-York Silk Manufacturing Company, for the election of Directors for the ensuing year, will be held at the office of the company, No. 102 Reade-st., on SATURDAY, Jan. 13, 1866, at 4 o'clock P. M.
By order,
WM. H. DWINELLE, Secretary.

DIVIDENDS.

OFFICE OF CENTRAL PETROLEUM COMPANY,
No. 27 PINE-ST., Jan. 2, 1866.
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CENTRAL PETROLEUM COMPANY have this day declared a cash Dividend of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS, being TWO DOLLARS PER SHARE on the CAPITAL STOCK of the company, payable on the 15th inst. Transfer books will be closed from the 11th to the 13th, both days inclusive.
AUSTIN STEVENS, Secretary.

BROADWAY SAVINGS INSTITUTION,
No. 257 BROADWAY, ENTRANCE ON PARK-PLACE.
DIVIDEND.—The trustees of this institution have directed that the usual dividend on deposits entitled thereto, for the six months ending Dec. 31, at the rate of six per cent. per annum on sums not exceeding $300, and five per cent. upon $301 to $600 (free from government tax), will be paid on and after Monday, January 15, 1866.
FRANCIS P. SCHOALS, President.
WADE B. WORRALL, Sec'y. PETER CUMMING, Act'g.

UNION DIME SAVINGS BANK,
NO. 429 CANAL-ST.
Has declared a dividend at the rate of SIX PER CENT. per annum on deposits of $500 and under, and Five Per Cent. on larger sums, free of tax, payable after Jan. 20.
E. V. HAUGHWOUT, President.
SOLOMON L. HULL, Treasurer.
G. S. CHAPIN, Secretary.

IRVING SAVINGS INSTITUTION,
No. 96 Warren-st.
DIVIDEND.—The Trustees of this institution have directed that the usual interest on deposits, for the six months ending Dec. 31, at the rate of SIX PER CENT. per annum on sums entitled thereto, free of government tax, will be paid on and after MONDAY, Jan. 15, 1866.
WALTER W. CONCKLIN, President.
VANDERBILT L. BUXTON, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE MORRIS CANAL AND BANKING CO.,
JERSEY CITY, Dec. 13, 1865.
DIVIDEND NOTICE.—THE FEBRUARY DIVIDEND OF 1866 TO BE PAID IN ADVANCE.—The Board of Directors have this day declared from the earnings of the canal, a semi-annual Dividend of Five per Cent. upon the amount of the Preferred Stock, and a Dividend of Six per Cent. upon the amount of the Consolidated Stock—free of government tax—payable on the 16th day of January next, at the office of the Company in Jersey City, or to Stockholders resident in and near Philadelphia, at the Banking House of R. W. Clark & Co., in that city.
This Dividend is in anticipation, and in lieu of that which would otherwise be paid in February, 1866.
The transfer books will be closed from the 24th inst. until the 16th of January, inclusive.
JOHN RODGERS, Secretary.

MANHATTAN SAVINGS INSTITUTION,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 28, 1865.
THIRTIETH SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND.—The Trustees of this institution have directed that Interest be paid on all deposits by the rules entitled thereto, at the rate of six per cent. per annum, on amounts of $500 and less, and five per cent. per annum on all amounts exceeding $500, payable on and after the third Monday in January, the institution paying the government tax.
The interest will be credited under date of Jan. 1, and if not withdrawn will receive interest the same as a deposit of that date.
E. J. BROWN, President.
EDWARD SCHELL, Treasurer.
C. F. ALVORD, Secretary.

METROPOLITAN SAVINGS BANK,
No. 9 FOURTH-AVENUE, Dec. 26, 1865.
DIVIDEND.—THIS INSTITUTION HAS DEclared a dividend of Six Per Cent., free from tax, on all sums entitled thereto, and Five Per Cent. on other amounts, payable on and after the 20th of January. Dividends not drawn will remain at interest as principal.
H. B. STILLMAN, President.
ISAAC T. SMITH, Secretary.

ATLANTIC NATIONAL BANK,
No. 142 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 22, 1865.
DIVIDEND.—THE DIRECTORS OF THE ATLANTIC NATIONAL BANK have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of six (6) per cent., free from government tax, out of the profits of the current six months, payable on and after the 2d of January. The transfer books will remain closed until Jan. 3, 1866.
J. E. SOUTHWORTH, President.

UNITED STATES PETROLEUM COMPANY,
No. 47 EXCHANGE-PLACE,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1865.
THE UNITED STATES PETROLEUM COMPANY have this day declared a Dividend of TWENTY-FIVE (25) PER CENT., payable on and after Jan. 4, 1866. The Transfer Books will close on THURSDAY, the 28th inst., and re-open on MONDAY, Jan. 8, 1866. By order.
P. C. PENNING, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE HOME PETROLEUM COMPANY,
No. 27 PINE-ST., NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1865.
DIVIDEND NO. 3.—THE TRUSTEES OF THE HOME PETROLEUM COMPANY have this day declared a Dividend of TWENTY PER CENT. upon the capital stock of the company, payable Jan. 15, 1866. Transfer books will be closed from Jan. 10 to 15, both days inclusive.
AUSTIN STEVENS, Secretary.

BANK OF AMERICA, NEW-YORK, Dec. 22, 1865.
DIVIDEND.—THE DIRECTORS OF THE BANK OF AMERICA have this day declared a dividend of Five (5) Per Cent. for the current six months, free from Government tax, and payable on and after TUESDAY, Jan. 2, 1866. Transfer books will remain closed from this date until the morning of Friday, Jan. 5.
WM. L. JENKINS, Cashier.

OFFICE OF THE CENTRAL MINING COMPANY,
No. 26 NASSAU-ST., NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1865.
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE Central Mining Company have this day declared a dividend of two dollars and a half per share, payable on and after the 15th of Jan. 1866 next. The transfer books will be closed from this day inclusive of the 16th to the morning of the 16th January.
JAMES M. MILLS, Treasurer.

METROPOLITAN NATIONAL BANK,
No. 108 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 19, 1865.
DIVIDEND.—THE DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN NATIONAL BANK have this day declared a Semi-annual Dividend of Six (6) per Cent., free of government tax, payable on and after the first day of January next. The transfer books will remain closed until Jan. 8, 1866.
G. I. SENEY, Cashier.

TENTH NATIONAL BANK, No. 240 BROADWAY,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 15, 1865.
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE THIS day declared a Semi-annual Dividend of Five per cent. and the government tax, payable on the 2d day of January next. Transfer books will be closed from Dec. 26 to Jan. 2, 1866.
J. H. STOUT, Cashier.

THE CHATHAM NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 20, 1865.
A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF SEVEN (7) PER CENT., free of government tax, will be paid to the stockholders of this bank on and after Tuesday, second day of January next. The transfer books will remain closed from 23d inst. to Jan. 3. By order of the Board.
O. H. ROBBINS, Cashier.

MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE NATIONAL BANK,
OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK,
December 18, 1865.
A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF FIVE (5) per cent. has been declared from the profits of the current six months, payable on and after the 2d of January next. The transfer books will be closed to that day inclusive.
By order.
DANL. V. H. BERTHOLF, Cashier.

IMPORTERS' AND TRADERS' NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1865.
A DIVIDEND OF FOUR (4) PER CENT. out of the earnings of the past six months, free from government tax, will be paid to the Stockholders of this Bank on and after the 2d day of January next. The transfer books will be closed from the 28th inst. to the 2d proximo. By order of the Board.
C. A. SMITH, Cashier.

THE NATIONAL SHOE AND LEATHER BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 19, 1865.
DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of five (5) per cent., free from government tax, out of the profits of the current six months, payable on and after the 2d of January next.
The transfer books will be closed from 25th inst. to 2d proximo, inclusive.
W. A. KISSAM, Cashier.

NATIONAL BUTCHERS' & DROVERS' BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 19, 1865.
DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have declared a Dividend of Five per cent., free of government tax, from the earnings of the current six months, payable on and after the 2d day of January. The transfer books will remain closed until the day of payment.
R. P. PERRIN, Cashier.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 12, 1865.
DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EIGHTH NATIONAL BANK have THIS DAY declared a semi-annual dividend of five (5) per cent. and the government tax, payable, out of the profits of the bank, on and after Jan. 2, 1866. Transfer books will be closed from the 23d inst. to the 2d prox.
CHARLES HUDSON, Cashier.

OFFICE OF THE CHICAGO AND ALTON RAILROAD CO.,
CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 23, 1865.
A QUARTERLY DIVIDEND OF THREE AND 3-4 per cent., free from government tax, due Jan. 1, 1866, on Joliet and Chicago Railroad stock and Alton and St. Louis Railroad stock, will be paid by the United States Trust Company, No. 45 Wall-st., on and after the 2d proximo.
W. M. LARRABEE, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE VENANGO AND PITHOLE PETROLEUM COMPANY, No. 159 BROADWAY, (ROOM No. 18.)
NEW-YORK, Jan. 2, 1866.
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE declared a dividend of two (2) per cent. out of the earnings for December, payable at this office on Jan. 12 1866.
J. DOUGLASS, President.
ALEXIS BRIGG, Treasurer.

PENNIX NATIONAL BAN

SHIPPING.

NATIONAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.
(Limited.)
NEW-YORK TO LIVERPOOL,
Calling at Queenstown to land passengers.

Ships.	Tons.	Commanders
QUEEN	3,412	Grogan.
ENGLAND—building	3,450	—
SCOTLAND	3,325	Hall.
ERIN	3,310	Grace.
HELVETIA	3,315	Frowse.
PENNSYLVANIA	2,872	McIlvin.
VIRGINIA	2,876	Lewis.
LOUISIANA	2,196	Cutting.

Leaving Pier No. 47, North River, as follows:
SCOTLAND.....SATURDAY, Jan. 6
LOUISIANA.....WEDNESDAY, Jan. 10
ERIN.....SATURDAY, Jan. 20
AND EVERY SATURDAY THEREAFTER.

The size of these steamships admits of very spacious state-rooms, all opening directly into the saloon; the accommodations and fare are unsurpassed, and the rates lower than by any other line.

An experienced Surgeon on each ship free of charge.

Cabin passage, $80; Steerage, $30—payable in currency.

The owners of these vessels will not be accountable for specie or valuables unless bills of lading, having their value expressed therein, are signed therefor.

For freight or cabin passage, apply at the office of the Company, No. 61 Broadway.

C. H. EDWARDS, Manager.

For steerage passage at THOMPSON'S Passage Office, No. 220 Pearl-st., and at the Company's Office, No. 57 Broadway.

AMERICAN LINE TO ENGLAND AND BREMEN.

THE NORTH AMERICAN LLOYD STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S
First-class Mail Steamship
WESTERN METROPOLIS,
(2,600 tons, 1,000 horse power,)
CHAS. HOYER, Commander,
Being thoroughly refitted for passengers for the ocean service, will leave for Bremen, calling at Cowes, On the 7th of MARCH.

Price of passage, payable in gold:
First Cabin.....$165 00
Second Cabin.....92 50
Steerage.....37 50

An experienced surgeon on board.

The Company will not be responsible for specie or valuables unless bills of lading having the value expressed are signed therefor.

Another first-class steamship will leave 31st March.

For freight or passage, apply to
RUGER BROTHERS, Agents,
No. 45 Beaver-st.

ONLY AMERICAN LINE TO ENGLAND AND FRANCE.

The New-York and Havre Steamship Company's first-class mail steamships ARAGO and FULTON, having been thoroughly refitted, will leave Pier No. 57 North River for Havre, calling at Falmouth, as follows:
ARAGO.....HENRY A. GADSDEN.....Jan. 20, 1866.
FULTON.....JAMES A. WOTTON.....Feb. 17, 1866.
ARAGO.....HENRY A. GADSDEN.....March 17, 1866.
FULTON.....JAMES A. WOTTON.....April 14, 1866.
And every twenty-eight days thereafter.

PRICES OF PASSAGE IN GOLD.
First cabin.....$132 50 | Second cabin.....$80 00
Through tickets to London, $5 extra.

An experienced surgeon on board.

The company will not be responsible for specie or valuables unless bills of lading, having the value expressed, are signed therefor.

For further information, apply to
ISAAC BELL, President,
No. 7 Broadway, New-York.

ONLY DIRECT LINE TO FRANCE.

THE GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY'S
NEW LINE OF FIRST-CLASS MAIL STEAMSHIPS
BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND HAVRE,
CALLING AT BREST
The first splendid vessels on this favorite route for the continent are the following:

WASHINGTON	3,204 tons	900-horse power
LAFAYETTE	3,204 tons	900-horse power
CANADA	3,204 tons	900-horse power
NAPOLEON III.	(Building)	1,100-horse power
ST. LAURENT	(Building)	Great power.
PEREIRE	(Building)	Great power.
VILLE DE PARIS	(Building)	Great power.

DEPARTURES FROM NEW-YORK.
Pier No. 50 North River.

EUROPE	A. DUCHESNE	FRIDAY.....Jan. 5
WASHINGTON	M. SURMONT	FRIDAY.....Feb. 2

Carrying only ourier passengers.

PRICE OF PASSAGE IN GOLD.
First cabin, $135; second cabin, $80, including table wine for either cabin.

Passengers intending to land at Brest will be furnished here with railroad coupon tickets, and their baggage checked to destination at additional charge of $5 for first and $3 for second class.

Medical attendance free of charge.

For further information apply to
GEO. MACKENZIE, Agent,
Removed from No. 7 to 58 Broadway.
At Paris, 12 Boulevard des Capucines, (Grand Hotel.)
At Havre, WM. ISELIN & CO.

THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS.

BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT COBH HARBOR.
AND
BETWEEN BOSTON AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT HALIFAX AND COBH HARBOR.

CUBA leaves Boston Wednesday, Jan. 3.
AUSTRALASIAN leaves New-York Wednesday, Jan. 10.
CANADA leaves Boston Wednesday, Jan. 17.
NOVA SCOTIA leaves New-York Wednesday, Jan. 24.
ASIA leaves Boston Wednesday, Jan. 31.
JAVA leaves New-York Wednesday, Feb. 7.

FROM NEW-YORK TO LIVERPOOL.

Chief Cabin Passage	$152 50
Second Cabin Passage	80 00

FROM BOSTON TO LIVERPOOL.

Chief Cabin Passage	$112 50
Second Cabin Passage	65 00

payable in gold, or its equivalent in United States currency.

Berths not secured until paid for.

An experienced surgeon on board.

The owners of these ships will not be accountable for Specie or Valuables unless bills of lading, having the value expressed, are signed therefor.

For freight or passage, apply to
E. CUNARD, No. 4 Bowling-green.

STEAM TO LIVERPOOL—CALLING AT Queenstown. The Inman Line, sailing semi-weekly, carrying the United States Mails.
CITY OF WASHINGTON.....SATURDAY.....Jan. 6
KANSAS.....WEDNESDAY.....Jan. 10
CITY OF LONDON.....SATURDAY.....Jan. 13
and each succeeding SATURDAY and WEDNESDAY, at noon, from Pier No. 44 North River.

RATES OF PASSAGE.
BY THE MAIL STEAMER SAILING EVERY SATURDAY.
First Cabin.....$80 | Steerage.....$30
Legal Cabin to London.....35 | Steerage to London.....35
First Cabin to Paris.....165 | Steerage to Paris.....50
PAYABLE IN GOLD.

Passage by the Wednesday steamers: First Cabin, $80; Steerage, $30. Payable in U. S. currency.

Passengers also forwarded to Havre, Hamburg, Bremen, &c., at moderate rates.

Steerage passage from Liverpool or Queenstown, $30 gold, or the equivalent. Tickets can be bought here by persons sending for their friends.

For further information apply at the Company's Offices.
JOHN G. DALE, Agent, No. 15 Broadway, New-York.

FOR HAVANA VIA NASSAU, N. P.

The British and North American Royal Mail Steam Packet Company's new steamer CORSICA, Capt. LE MESSURIER, will sail for the above ports, from the company's dock at Jersey City, on
MONDAY, Jan. 1, 1866, and MONDAY, Jan. 29.

Passage money to Nassau.....$45
Passage money to Havana.....50
payable in gold or its equivalent.

No freight received on day before sailing.

For freight or passage, apply to
E. CUNARD, No. 4 Bowling-green.

FOR HAVANA DIRECT.

The United States mail side-wheel steamship EAGLE,
J. J. LAWRENCE, Commander,
will leave Pier No. 4 North River, for HAVANA, WEDNESDAY, Jan. 3, at 3 o'clock, P. M., precisely, for Havana direct.

For freight or passage apply to
SPOFFORD, TILESTON & CO.,
No. 29 Broadway.

P. S.—The favorite steamship COLUMBIA will succeed the EAGLE, and leave on Jan. 13.

UNITED STATES MAIL LINE FOR RIO DE JANEIRO.
CALLING AT
ST. THOMAS, PARA, PERNAMBUCO AND BAHIA
EVERY TRIP.

THE UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY
will dispatch regularly on the 28th of each month, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 43 North River.

ONE OF THEIR NEW FIRST-CLASS STEAMSHIPS.
THE
NORTH AMERICA,
L. F. TERNERMANN, Commander,
WILL LEAVE
ON MONDAY, THE 29TH OF JANUARY.

An experienced Surgeon is attached to each steamship.

All letters must pass through the Post-office.

Large lots of heavy freight at low rates.

For freight or passage apply to
THOMAS ASENCIO & CO.,
No. 17 Broadway.

FOR CHARLESTON, S. C.

PEOPLE'S MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
EMILY B. SOUDER.....Capt. H. LOCKWOOD
MONEKA.....Capt. WM. MARSHMAN

The above splendid steamships will leave every THURSDAY, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 40 North River, invariably landing cargo at Charleston on Monday morning.

The new and elegant steamship
MONEKA,
sails on THURSDAY, Jan. 4, at 3 o'clock P. M.

For freight or passage, with unsurpassed accommodation,
Apply to
LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., No. 141 Broadway.

Consignees at Charleston, ARCHIBALD MCKETTY & CO. All bills of lading signed on board the ship.

FOR CHARLESTON, S. C.

REGULAR UNITED STATES MAIL LINE
OF FIRST-CLASS STEAMSHIPS.
GRANADA,
ALHAMBRA,
ALDALUSIA,
SARAGOSSA,
and the QUAKER CITY.

Sailing Wednesdays and SATURDAYS,
Will be dispatched promptly at 3 o'clock, from pier No. 14 East River.

Bills of lading signed on board.

For freight or passage, apply to
ARTHUR LEARY, No. 73 William-st.

The favorite and fast steamship
ALHAMBRA,
R. B. BENSON, Commander,
is now receiving cargo, and will be dispatched on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 3.

FOR MOBILE.

MURRAY'S LINE.
Goes to the wharf with all her cargo.
To sail on
SATURDAY, Jan. 6, at 3 o'clock P. M.
The fine fast-sailing steamship
JAMES S. GREEN,
E. S. HARDY, Commander.
now loading at Pier No. —, and will sail as above.
For freight or passage apply to
MURRAY, FERRIS & CO.,
(Late Murray & Nephew.)
Nos. 61 and 62 South-st.,
or to JAMES W. ELWELL & CO.,
No. 57 South-st.
A. J. INGERSOLL & CO., Agents, Mobile.

FOR MOBILE.

The New-York and Mobile Steamship Company's steamship
EUTAW,
Capt. C. D. COFFIN,
is now receiving freight in Pier No. 6, East River, for MOBILE, and will sail on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 10, at 12 o'clock.

Goes to wharf with all her cargo.
For freight or passage apply to
STARBUCK & WHEELER, Agents,
No. 13 Broadway.

FOR MOBILE DIRECT.

REGULAR LINE.
The first-class steamships
GULF CITY, Capt. JAMES STEWART.
GULF STREAM, Capt. ROBERT MOUNT.
VICKSBURGH, Capt. WILLIAM F. MCCRERY.
MERCEDITA, Capt. E. C. WILLIAMS.
For freight or passage, with superior accommodations, apply to
SMITH & DUNNING,
No. 45 South-st.

Extra freight will be charged on all goods for which bills of lading are not taken out before the steamer sails

SHIPPING.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S THROUGH LINE
TO CALIFORNIA,
AND CARRYING THE UNITED STATES MAIL,
leave Pier No. 42 North River, foot of Canal-st., at 12 o'clock noon, on the 1st, 11th and 21st of every month, (except when those dates fall on Sunday, and then on the preceding Saturday,) for ASPINWALL, connecting, via Panama Railway, with one of the company's steamships from Panama for SAN FRANCISCO, touching at ACAPULCO.

DECEMBER.
30th. HENRY CHAUNCEY, connecting with SACRAMENTO.

JANUARY.
11th. ATLANTIC, connecting with GOLDEN AGE.
21st. NEW-YORK, connecting with CONSTITUTION.

Departures of 1st and 21st connect at Panama, with steamers for SOUTH PACIFIC PORTS; 1st and 11th for CENTRAL AMERICAN PORTS. Those of 1st touch at ACAPULCO.

THROUGH PASSAGE RATES, IN CURRENCY.

First Cabin.	Second Cabin.	Steerage.
$300	$200	$100

A discount of ONE-QUARTER from steamers' rates will be allowed to second cabin and steerage passengers accompanied by their families.

Baggage checked through. One hundred pounds allowed each adult.

An experienced surgeon on board. Medicines and attendance free.

For passage tickets or further information apply at the company's ticket office, on the wharf, foot of Canal-st., North River, New-York.

F. W. G. BELLOWS, Agent.

OPPOSITION LINE TO CALIFORNIA.

EXTRAORDINARY LOW PRICES.

First Class.	Second Class.	Third Class.
$225.	$125.	$50.

The Central American Transit Company will sell passage tickets at above rates.

THROUGH TO SAN FRANCISCO,
sailing from New-York on the splendid steamer
CIUDAD DE CUBA.
JERRY W. SMITH, Esq., Commander,
from Pier No. 2 North River, at NOON on Jan. 20.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—Apply early for your tickets by a responsible line by mail, or at No. 77 Broadway, corner of Warren-st.

D. N. CARRINGTON, Agent.

OFFICE OF WELLS, FARGO & CO., NEW-YORK AND CALIFORNIA EXPRESS AND EXCHANGE COMPANY, NO. 84 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK.—SHIPPERS OF FREIGHT TO THE PACIFIC COAST will please take notice that having been appointed Freight Agents Pacific Mail Steamship Company, we are now prepared to receive freights for California, Oregon, Nevada, Washington Territory, Sandwich Islands, Central America and west coast of South America.

For rates apply at our office, No. 84 Broadway, or freight office on dock foot of Canal-st.

Steamers will sail 1st, 11th, and 21st of each month; those dates falling on Sunday, on preceding Saturday.

No slow freight received on day of sailing. Freight MUST BE DELIVERED ON DOCK FOOT OF CANAL-ST. Bills of lading will be issued at No. 84 Broadway. Our usual package express will be sent by each steamer, and will close at 10 A. M. on sailing day. Our letter bags will close at 11½ A. M. For convenience of our up-town customers, letter bags will be kept at the Metropolitan Hotel and on the dock, foot of Canal-st.

Our RANKED ENVELOPES will be on sale at the office of the hotel, and at our office, No. 84 Broadway, and Canal-st. dock.

All letters sent through us must be in Government envelopes.

Sight Exchange on San Francisco for sale.

Telegraphic transfers of money made to all points reached by the Pacific Coast.

California coupons bought at best rates.

WELLS, FARGO & CO.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

Consignees of freight per Pacific Mail Steamship Company's steamers will please take notice that orders for delivery at the office of Wells, Fargo & Co., No. 84 Broadway, upon surrender of their bills of lading.

Goods remaining on the wharf twenty-four hours after discharge will be stored at expense and risk of consignees.

WELLS, FARGO & CO.,
Sole Agents P. M. S. S. Co.

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA.

FROM PIER NO. 2, NORTH RIVER.
SAVANNAH LINE EVERY WEDNESDAY.

The splendid sidewheel steamship SAN JACINTO, W. LOVELAND, Commander, of the Atlantic Mail Steamship Company's line, will sail for Savannah, direct, from Pier No. 2, North River, on SATURDAY, Jan. 6, at 3 o'clock precisely.

Freights to all parts of Georgia, Florida and Northern Alabama, forwarded by our agent at Savannah, free of commission.

Rates furnished by the undersigned.

The steamer SAN SALVADOR follows SATURDAY, Jan. 13.

The passenger accommodations of these steamers are unsurpassed. Apply to
HARRISON & ALLEN, Agents,
Agent at Savannah, No. 5 Bowling-green.
B. H. HARDEE.

FOR SAVANNAH, GA., DIRECT.

ATLANTIC COAST MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
WEEKLY LINE
of side-wheel steamers, connecting with railroads throughout Georgia and Florida.

HERMAN LIVINGSTON.....Capt. J. B. BAKER.
NIGHTINGALE.....Capt. WM. BREAKER.
GEN. BARNES.....Capt. THOS. H. MORTON.

The new and splendid side-wheel steamship FLAMBEAU leaves on SATURDAY, Jan. 6, at 3 o'clock P. M., from Pier No. 36, North River.

For freight or passage, having unsurpassed accommodations, apply to
LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO.,
No. 141 Broadway.

Agent at Savannah, JOHN R. WILDER, who will forward goods intended for the interior.

All bills of lading furnished and signed on board. Steamship FLAMBEAU follows.

FOR SAVANNAH DIRECT.

STAR LINE—SATURDAYS.
Connecting with railroads throughout Georgia and Florida.

The first-class United States mail steamships
AMERICA.....LIEUT. COMMANDER,
NEVADA.....CARPENTER, Commander,
THE AMERICA
will sail from Pier No. 51 North River, foot of Cedar-st., on SATURDAY, Jan. 6, 1866, at 3 P. M.

For freight or passage, having splendid accommodations, apply to
WAKEMAN, GOOKIN & DICKINSON,
No. 17 Broadway.

Agents in Savannah, BRIGHAM & BALDWIN.

Freight received on our covered pier No. 13 North River, at all times during the day. The NEVADA will follow on Saturday, Jan. 13, 1866.

FOR SAVANNAH—PIONEER LINE.

Cabin passage.....$25 | Deck.....$10

A first-class steamship will leave Pier No. 4 North River at 3 P. M. on SUNDAY of each week, landing cargo in Savannah on Monday morning.

The new and elegant steamship
TYBEE,
Capt. CROWELL,
will leave on THURSDAY, Jan. 4.

For freight or first-class passage apply to
CHARLES JONES, No. 17 Broadway.

For deck passage apply on board.
Agents in Savannah, HUNTER & GAMMELL.

FOR SAVANNAH, GA.

MURRAY'S LINE.
The first-class steamships
ZODIAC, DEARBORN, Commander.
VIRGO, BULKLEY, Commander.
LEO, MERRILL, Commander.
The ZODIAC will be receiving freight at Pier No. 16 East River, and will sail on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 3, at 3 o'clock P. M.

For freight or passage apply to
MURRAY, FERRIS & CO.,
Late MURRAY & NEPHEW,
Nos. 61 and 62 South-st.

NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT.

WEDNESDAYS and SATURDAYS.—The New-York Mail Steamship Company's steamship EVENING STAR, will leave on SATURDAY, Jan. 6 at 3 P. M., from the Company's Pier, No. 46 North River.

For freight or passage apply to
JAMES A. RAYNOR, No. 10 Barclay-st.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT.

ATLANTIC AND MISSISSIPPI STEAMSHIP LINE.
First-class steamships and superior accommodations for passengers.

$40 FIRST CABIN PASSAGE.

SAILING SATURDAYS.

The A 1 ocean steamship MISSOURI, JAMES SHERMAN, Commander, will sail from Pier No. 3 North River SATURDAY, Jan. 6. Freight will be received for her commencing TUESDAY, Jan. 2. For engagement of freight or passage, at low rates, apply to
GARRISON & ALLEN, Agents,
No. 5 Bowling-green.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS—DIRECT.

BLACK STAR LINE.
The first-class steamship
MONTGOMERY,
Capt. CALVIN HYDES,
will leave Pier No. 45, North River, on SATURDAY, Jan. 6, at 3 P. M. This line is now prepared to receive freight at all times during business hours, upon the pier of the line.

For freight or passage, having elegant accommodations, apply to
R. LOWDEN, Agent,
No. 44 Wall-st.

GEO. A. FOSDICK, Agent at New-Orleans.

NEW-YORK AND VIRGINIA STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THE OLD LINE.
From Pier No. 21, North River, foot of Fulton-st., for Norfolk, City Point and Richmond.
STEAMER GEO. WEAVER AT RICHMOND.
The new and elegant sidewheel steamships,
NIAGARA,
GEORGE W. COUCH, Commander,
Leaves New-York every SATURDAY, at 3 P. M.
SARATOGA,
ADOLPH L. KING, Commander,
Leaves New-York every WEDNESDAY, at 3 P. M.
Bills of lading signed at the wharf
Passenger accommodations unsurpassed.
G. HEINEKEN & PALMORE,
No. 116 Broadway.

Goods to and from all parts of Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, &c., forwarded by the company's agents free of commission.

FOR RICHMOND, CITY POINT AND NORFOLK.

GOES TO THE WHARF AT RICHMOND.
The new and elegant SIDE-WHEEL steamships
HATTERAS, Capt. LEWIS PARRISH, every SATURDAY, at 12 M.
ALBEMARLE, Capt. H. A. BOURNE, every WEDNESDAY, at 12 M.
FROM PIER NO. 36 NORTH RIVER.

Freight for Norfolk, N. C., and all points on Roanoke River, as far as Halifax, forwarded by our agent at Norfolk, free of charge.

For freight or passage, having unsurpassed accommodations. Apply to LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO.,
No. 141 Broadway.

Freight received on our covered pier, No. 36 North River, at all times during business hours.

Goods consigned to our address promptly forwarded.

All bills of lading signed on board the ship.

FOR WILMINGTON, N. C.—DIRECT.

ATLANTIC COAST MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
WEEKLY LINE
connecting with railroads and steamboats for the interior.

RALEIGH, Capt. WALKER.
ADELE, Capt. BOUTELLE.

The new and splendid side-wheel steamship RALEIGH, will leave her pier, No. 36 North River, for the above port on SATURDAY, Jan. 6, at 3 P. M.

For freight or passage, having unsurpassed accommodations, apply to
LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO.,
No. 141 Broadway.

All goods consigned to the agents at Wilmington, Messrs. Harris & Howell, will be promptly forwarded.

Bills of lading signed on board the vessel.

NOTICE—CHANGE OF PIER.

PHILADELPHIA OUTSIDE LINE.
SIDE-WHEEL STEAMER.

The above line will, on Jan. 1, 1866, remove from Pier No. 4 North River to Pier No. 35 North River, foot of Jay-st.

THORN & TOBIAS,
No. 144 Cedar-st.

MARBLE MANTELS.—THE BEST PLACE in the city to purchase Marble Mantels of the latest designs at very low prices, is at A. KLABER'S Marble Works, No. 109 East 18th-st., near 3d-av., New-York. Mantels put up in the country. Cut this out.

PROPOSALS.

PROPOSALS FOR ARMY TRANSPORTATION.

OFFICE OF THE DEPOT QUARTERMASTER,
FORT LEAVENWORTH, Kansas, Dec. 19, 1865.

Sealed proposals will be received at this office until 1 o'clock on the 31st day of January, 1866, for the transportation of Military Supplies during the year 1866, on the following routes:

ROUTE No. 1.—From Forts Leavenworth, Laramie and Riley, and other depots that may be established during the above year on the west bank of the Missouri River north of Fort Leavenworth and south of latitude 42 degrees north, to any posts or stations that are or may be established in the Territories of Nebraska, Dacotah, Idaho and Utah, south of latitude 46 degrees north, and east of longitude 114 degrees west, and in the Territory of Colorado north of 40 degrees north. Bidders to state the rate per 100 pounds per 100 miles at which they will transport said stores in each of the months from April to September inclusive, of the year 1866.

ROUTE No. 2.—From Forts Leavenworth and Riley, in the State of Kansas, and the town of Kansas, in the State of Missouri, to any posts or stations that are or may be established in the State of Kansas, or in the Territory of Colorado, south of latitude 40 degrees north, drawing supplies from Fort Leavenworth; and to Fort Union, N. M., or other depot that may be designated in that territory, to Fort Craig, and to any other point or points on the route. Bidders to state the rate per 100 pounds per 100 miles at which they will transport said stores in each of the months from April to September, inclusive, of the year 1866.

ROUTE No. 3.—From Fort Leavenworth to Fort Riley, in the State of Kansas, and the town of Kansas, in the State of Missouri, to any posts or stations that are or may be established in that territory, and to such posts or stations as may be designated in the Territory of Arizona and State of Texas, west of longitude 105 degrees west. Bidders to state the rate per 100 pounds per 100 miles at which they will transport said stores in each of the months from June to November, inclusive, of the year 1866.

The weight to be transported each year will not exceed 10,000,000 pounds on route No. 1, 15,000,000 pounds on route No. 2, and 6,000,000 on route No. 3.

No additional percentage will be paid for the transportation of bacon, lard, bread, pine lumber, shingles or any other stores.

Bidders should give their names in full, as well as their places of residence, and each proposal should be accompanied by a bond in the sum of ten thousand dollars, signed by two sufficient responsible persons, guaranteeing that, in case a contract is awarded for the route mentioned in the proposal, to the parties proposing, the contract will be accepted and entered into, and good and efficient security furnished by said parties, in accordance with the terms of this advertisement.

The amount of bonds required from the contractors will be as follows:

On route No. 1	$100,000
On route No. 2	200,000
On route No. 3	60,000

Satisfactory evidence of the loyalty and solvency of each bidder and person offered as security will be required.

Proposals must be indorsed:

"Proposals for Army Transportation on Route No. '1,' '2' or '3,' as the case may be, and if not received and entertained unless they fully comply with all the requirements of this advertisement.

Parties to whom awards are made must be prepared to execute contracts at once and to give the required bonds for the faithful performance of the same.

Contracts will be made subject to the approval of the Quartermaster-General, and the right is reserved to reject any or all bids that may be offered.

Contractors must be in readiness for service by the 1st day of April, 1866, and they will be required to have a place of business or agency at or in the vicinity of Forts Leavenworth and Union, and other depots that may be established, at which they may be communicated with promptly and readily.

By order of the Quartermaster-General.

A. POTTER,
Colonel and Chief Quartermaster.

ARMY SUPPLIES.

OFFICE OF ASSISTANT COMMISSARY-GENERAL OF SUBSISTENCE, No. 4 STATE-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 2, 1866.

SEALED PROPOSALS (IN DUPLICATE), will be received by the undersigned until 4 o'clock, P. M. on FRIDAY, the 5th instant, for supplying, for the use of the United States Army, SUBSISTENCE STORES, to be delivered in New-York or Brooklyn, as follows, viz:

2,000 lbs. new smoked Beef Hams, in sets, thoroughly dried.

60,000 lbs. prime new White Beans, in well-coopered and full hee'-lined flour barrels; the bids to be for the bushel of 60 lbs.

50 bbls. "A" Coffee Sugar; barrels to be new and of the best in use for the purpose, and to be full headlined.

5,000 galls. of the best quality of pure Vinegar, made only from Cider or Whisky, free from all foreign acids and injurious substances, and of a uniform strength, the Whisky Vinegar taking thirty-five grains bi-carbonate of potash to neutralize one ounce troy, the Cider Vinegar in same proportion as may be; to be furnished in half barrels of 22 gallons capacity, like sample at this office. Each proposal must state distinctly the kind and quality of Vinegar offered, and the kind of package.

POTATOES—Such quantities as may be required during the months of January, 1866, 60 pounds to the bushel, in good ordinary well-coopered barrels.

ONIONS—Such quantities as may be required during the month of January, 1866, 60 pounds to the bushel, in barrels as above.

The stores are required for immediate delivery.

Separate proposals, *in duplicate*, must be made for each article enumerated, and bidders may propose for the whole or any part of each.

Samples of all the articles above named must be delivered with the proposals, and referred to therein.

A printed copy of the advertisement must be attached to each proposal, and the proposals must be specific in complying precisely with all the terms. Each bid, to have consideration, must contain the written guarantee of two responsible names, as follows:

"We, the undersigned, hereby guarantee that should all or any of the proposals for the foregoing be duly fulfilled according to its true purport and conditions; also, that a written contract, with bonds to the amount of twenty-five per centum of the storage proposed to be furnished, shall be executed, if required."

The seller's name, place of business and the date of purchase, as well as the name of contents, with weight, gross and net, to be stamped, painted, printed or indicated, must be plainly marked on every package. All other old marks must be obliterated.

The terms of payment are cash, and passed upon by parties from this office on the part of the United States.

All the stores will be carefully inspected before their delivery, and compared with the samples. Wherever returns of weights, signed by a professional Public Weigher, must be furnished.

Payment will be made in currency or its equivalent, as soon as funds are received at the Subsistence Depot.

Contractors are expected to hold their goods, without expense to the United States, until required for shipment.

Blanks for proposals will be furnished at this office, which must be inclosed in an envelope addressed to the undersigned, and indorsed "Proposals for Subsistence Stores."

H. F. CLARKE,
Brevet Brig.-Gen. and A. C. G. S.

GOVERNMENT SALE OF CHOICE WHISKY!

OFFICE DEPOT COMMISSARY OF SUBSISTENCE,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28, 1865.

Sealed proposals, in duplicate, will be received at this office, until 12 o'clock M. on TUESDAY, the 9th day of January, 1866, for the sale of about
9,000 gallons of Rectified Whisky,
750 gallons of Rectified Whisky,
280 gallons of Rye Whisky.

Proposals not received for less than five barrels of each lot.

The whisky will be re-gauged before the delivery, and sold by the "proof gallon."

Payment in greenbacks or funds, about fifty per cent. of which will be required on the acceptance of the bid, and the remainder as soon as the re-gauging is completed, and before delivery commences.

No bid received from parties who have failed to comply with their contracts.

Bidders are requested to be present at the opening of their bids.

All purchases will be loaded at the government wharves, in Washington, D. C., free of expense to the purchaser.

The usual reservation by the government in regard to bids will be observed.

C. BELL,
Maj. and C. S., U. S. A.

OFFICE COMMISSARY OF SUBSISTENCE,
No. 2 BOWLING-GREEN, NEW-YORK, Dec. 28, 1865.

SEALED PROPOSALS IN DUPLICATE will be received by the undersigned at this office until 10 o'clock A. M., on THURSDAY, the 4th day of January, 1866, for furnishing Fresh Beef in such quantities as may be required from day to day, for six months from the 10th of January, 1866, commencing on Friday, at Davids's and Hart's Islands, Fort Schuyler and Willett's Point, Sandy Hook, Forts Wadsworth, Lafayette, Hamilton and Wood, New-York City, and all other places in the vicinities of each place and post as are not otherwise provided for.

The fresh beef is to be of good marketable quality, with one proportions of fore and hind quarter meat, (necks, shanks and kidney, tallow to be rendered, and furnished at the expense of the contractor in such quantities and times as may be required.

No bid will be considered that is not made by a regular butcher, who must give his name in full, his present place of business and residence.

All bids must be accompanied by a guarantee, signed by the guarantors themselves, as follows:

"We, the undersigned, hereby guarantee that in case the foregoing bid of ——— is accepted, it shall be duly fulfilled according to its true purport and conditions; also, that a written contract shall be executed with two bonds in the sum of ten thousand dollars each.

Names of guarantors, }
———— }

Bidders themselves must be present at the opening of the proposals, and be fully prepared with their securities to sign immediately the contract and bond. Evidence must be shown of the entire responsibility of each surety, two being required. Any informality in the proposal will be sufficient reason for rejection. A bid not in all respects made, in perfect good faith, will subject the person making it and the guarantors to the extreme penalty of the law.

A printed copy of this advertisement must be attached to each proposal, and the names of two veritable sufficient guarantors for each proposal, as above, are required. The government reserves the right to reject any bid which seems unreasonable or disadvantageous to it. Payments to be made monthly, in such funds as may be furnished by the government, viz.: currency, checks on certificates of indebtedness or others.

FRANCIS E. BERIER,
Brevet Major, C. S.

OFFICE OF CHIEF QUARTERMASTER,
MILITARY DIVISION OF THE GULF,
NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 26, 1865.

SEALED PROPOSALS ARE INVITED and will be received at this office until 12 M., March 1, 1866, for the sale of sixty-one (60) Camels, the property of the United States, now at Camp Verde, near San Antonio, Texas.

Bids may be made for one or more of these animals.

Each envelope containing a bid should be sealed and addressed, Colonel C. G. Sawtelle, Chief Quartermaster Military Division of the Gulf, New Orleans, La.

The Government reserves the right to reject any bids deemed too low.

Payment to be made in U. S. Currency upon the acceptance of any bid and prior to the delivery of the camels to the successful bidders, at San Antonio, Texas.

C. G. SAWTELLE,
Colonel and Chief Quartermaster Military Division of the Gulf, Brt. Col. U. S. Army.

OFFICE COMMISSARY OF SUBSISTENCE,
IN GENERAL CHARGE OF SUBSISTENCE
DEPARTMENT IN DEPARTMENTS OF
VIRGINIA AND NORTH CAROLINA,
RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 26, 1865.

SALE OF HARD BREAD.—SEALED PROposals, in duplicate, will be received at this office daily, and opened on the following day, except on each week, for all the surplus hard bread in the State of North Carolina, stored in depots at Newbern, and Morehead City, N. C.

The bread is in boxes of fifty (50) pounds each, and in good shipping order.

All purchases will be delivered on board of transports without expense to the purchaser.

No proposals received for less than twenty (20) boxes, one thousand (1,000) pounds.

Payment required on delivery of the bread, in government funds.

Proposals should be indorsed, "Proposals for Hard Bread," and addressed to the undersigned.

CHAS. C. SUTER,
Brevet Major, and C. S., U. S. A.
Richmond, Va.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

DEMOREST'S MONTHLY MAGAZINE.—The model Parlor Magazine of America, and an elegant holiday present. Any lady would be more pleased with a year's subscription to DEMOREST'S MONTHLY MAGAZINE than anything else that could possibly be secured for the same money and a constant reminder of the taste and friendly feelings of the giver. The splendid January Number now ready. Yearly, $3, with an artistic and valuable premium to each subscriber. Address W. JENNINGS DEMOREST, No. 473 Broadway, New-York. Single copies mailed free on receipt of 30 cents. Back numbers, as specimens, 20 cents.

MATRIMONY.—WHY EVERY MAN SHOULD Marry. Why every woman should marry. All may marry. To know, read ILLUSTRATED MARRIAGE GUIDE AND MEDICAL ADVISER, by WM. EARL, M. D.; 240 pages. Mailed everywhere in double wrapper, on receipt of 50 cents. Address 12 White-st., New-York.

AMUSEMENTS.

WINTER GARDEN.

This establishment does not advertise in the New-York Herald.

Lessee and Manager.....Mr. W. Stuart
Stage Manager.....Mr. J. G. Hanley

Mr. Stuart begs to announce that on THIS (Wednesday) EVENING, Jan. 3,
Mr. EDWIN BOOTH
will make his first professional appearance for nine months, in his grand role of
HAMLET.
The piece will be presented with the same endeavor as last season to combine splendor of production with strict historical correctness, and by a more strictly pictorial arrangement of the ordinary stage resources and by the fidelity, appropriateness and superior execution of the several means of scenic illusion to carry out the spirit of the play into the most minute details, and thus advance the drama as a branch of national literature and art. All the scenes have been refreshed and renewed, and new ones have been added to give perfection to the picture.

Every effort has also been made to place the well known types of character in the hands best fitted to sustain them, and with this view in addition to the regular company, engagements have been made with
MR. CHARLES BARRON,
who will make his first appearance this season as Laertes,
MR. W. H. TAYLOR,
who will make his first appearance as the Ghost.
MR. CHARLES KEMBLE MASON,
who will appear as the King.
MR. W. J. DONALDSON,
who will make his first appearance in several seasons, as Horatio.
MRS. MARIE WILKINS,
who will make her first appearance at this theatre, as the Queen.
MISS EFFIE GERMON,
who will make her first appearance this season as Ophelia.

Polonius	Mr. John Dyott
Marie	Mr. W. F. Burroughs
First Actor	Mr. Humphry Bland
First Grave-digger	Mr. W. H. Andrews
Second Grave-digger, (first appearance,)	Mr. J. L. Donnelly
Player Queen	Miss Andrews

Messrs. Becher, King, Easton, Hogan, Blenan, Jemone, &c., in the other characters.

The scenery has been painted by
Mr. CHARLES WITHAM and assistants.

The original music expressly composed for Mr. Booth's Hamlet, by
MR. ROBERT STOEPEL.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—No exertion has been spared to protect the public and to prevent the tickets for seats from falling into the hands of speculators, it is hoped with success. But the only efficient remedy lies with the public themselves, by refusing to pay more than the regular theatre prices. No extra price, notwithstanding the force of the attraction, has in any single instance been permitted by the management to be charged, and SEATS MAY BE SECURED SIX DAYS IN ADVANCE AT THE BOX OFFICE.

Doors open at 6½; Overture at 7:20.

SOLON SHINGLE AT HOME.

The eminent Comedian,
Mr. JOHN E. OWENS,
will make his first appearance in New-York, since his return from Europe,
AT THE BROADWAY THEATRE,
on MONDAY EVENING, Jan. 8, 1866,
in his
NEW THREE-ACT version of
SOLON SHINGLE.

The Box Office for the sale of reserved seats will be opened at the
BROADWAY THEATRE

THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

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public works—not only as a just accommodation to their interests beyond her own borders, but in the development of home resources, the growth of trade, the prosperity of her cities, and the enterprise of her citizens. Our attitude in the economy of States is clearly defined by conditions which we cannot ignore, and we do not desire to evade. It is not too much to say that our destiny is that of a commercial people. I refer to their leading interest. In the east the finest harbor on the Atlantic seaboard invites to her chief city the trade and productions of the Eastern Continent. The termination of the grandest system of internal water communication in the world, constrains by irrevocable natural decree the immense and constantly increasing productions of the West to her inland ports. New-York is to-day, first in wealth, population and importance among the States, because enlightened statesmanship, developing and assisting these natural advantages, has given additional activity to all the people, and built up within her borders one of the greatest exchange marts of the world. Our State holds this position, not mainly from her own manufacturing, mining or agricultural interests, great as these are, but because these facilities for trade, so wisely improved, enable her enterprising citizens to reap the just profits of commerce from the productions of all these interests, over an area many times greater than her own. The magnitude of this interest, thus connected so intimately with our future prosperity, requires every accommodation for its expansion.

SPECIAL LEGISLATION.

Section 1, Article 8, of the constitution, provides that corporations may be formed under general laws, "but shall not be created by special act, except for municipal purposes, and in case when the object, &c., cannot be attained under general laws." There has been a wide departure from this requirement, and in consequence our statute books are swelled with unnecessary and irreconcilable enactments. It would point to many useless if not disturbing cases of legislation that might have been avoided by adhering to the wise regulation of the framers of the constitution. It is a favorite maxim with the advocates of popular institutions, that the "government is best which governs least." Though not strictly true, it may at least be safely asserted that for the limited period of the session, the whole attention and labor of the legislature may be profitably employed upon matters of undoubted public interest under clear sanctions of authority.

In this connection you will not deem it obtrusive for me to refer in terms of disapproval to the practice of legislating for the relief of contractors upon the public works, which has obtained so largely and has become so vast in its demands upon the public treasury. Since the constitution of 1846, it has been the policy of the State that the most important work upon the canals should be performed under contracts awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, and at different times, as exigencies have arisen, general laws have been passed to give effect to the same, and limiting the power of the various officers of the State in accordance therewith. This policy, which was deemed necessary and expedient, has been known to all contractors who have had any connection with the public works, and their contracts have been made with respect to it and the general provisions of law.

It is undeniable as a cardinal principle that all such obligations are to be observed and performed by the parties making the same, and are not, for any slight reason, to be ignored and their liabilities disregarded because the State is one of the contracting parties. The practice which has grown up, of appealing to the Legislature for relief in such cases, is liable to great abuse, and the liberality with which these claims have been recognized, gives admonition to those whose duty it is to protect the public treasury, to be careful not to yield their assent to measures of a questionable character. In my judgment, the only safe general rule is to treat contracts made with the State, in the same manner as those made between individuals, and to depart from this rule only in exceptional cases, when an appeal to the equity and justice of the government rests upon special consideration and favor. The whole system for the performance of public work is founded upon the idea of guarding the treasury from unjust and exorbitant claims, by subjecting all such contracts to open competition. It is not to be disguised that in practice this principle has been invaded if not entirely ignored, as is apparent by a reference to the annual records of legislation. If stipulations, duly made, are not to furnish the rule by which compensation is regulated, the theory upon which the system was founded should be abandoned altogether.

Following the precedents of my predecessors since 1864, upon this subject, I approved several bills of this class last session. I believe they had merit, and without assuming that equal justice had been disregarded in these or other cases, I should frankly admit that my attention thus called to the custom led to further investigation and the foregoing suggestions.

CONCLUSION.

We believe that the path of peace opens pleasantly before us, and is inviting us to a long career of State and national prosperity. We may encounter difficulties as we advance, and it is the part of wisdom to be prepared to meet them. We have every reason to hope that the only cause which seriously threatened our domestic harmony and repose have been removed.

The fundamental principle on which our government was framed, that the will of the majority, constitutionally expressed, is the supreme law of the land, has been vindicated by armed force, and the Federal compact made by our forefathers is to be henceforth and forever inviolate. The only element of weakness and danger which claimed an abiding place in our constitution has been removed in the mode prescribed therein, by the consent of the nation. We are no longer subject to the reproach that under our institutions the title of a master to his slave is higher than that of a man to his liberty.

The stability of the Union is no longer imperiled by the antagonism of incongruous elements. The system of free labor, hitherto mainly sectional, has now become universal. The same auspicious results which followed emancipation, in every portion of the country where slavery had ceased before the rebellion, will regenerate the States now wasted by war, and open up a new era of growth and prosperity. The effect of homogeneous institutions and a general community of interests, it is believed will be to secure a just equipoise between the States, and a fair and equal representation in all the departments of the Federal Government.

The success of a great cause, involving vital national interests, is seldom wrought out except through suffering and sacrifice. The people of the loyal States who were engaged in the defense of the Government had no alternative but to submit to the inevitable calamities and burdens of war. These ultimately fell, with still more crushing weight, on the States in which the rebellion had its origin. The issue was decisive and final, and we are now once more at peace with each other and with all the world. If the power which has been exhibited in this memorable struggle, shall fail to secure us hereafter against foreign aggression and wrong, we shall present to the public enemy a firm and unbroken front; but we trust that no occasion may arise in the future for visiting upon other nations the desolation and waste which we have mutually suffered and inflicted in these four years of civil strife.

In the work of restoring the revolted States to their appropriate Federal relations, great questions still remain for solution. While we cannot ignore the obligations which honor and good faith impose on the government toward all who have been faithful in its behalf, we entertain the confident hope that enlightened statesmanship will solve these difficult problems, in a spirit at once humane, magnanimous and just, and on principles which will commend themselves to the approval of all the friends of the government, and secure the public safety. We must not be unmindful of the practical difficulties which confront us in the settlement of questions like these, nor impatient of unavoidable delay, incident to the working out of conviction and the attainment of results, when dealing with organic reforms in the structure of political institutions.

Toward our misguided countrymen we entertain no feeling of bitterness or unkindness; and animated by a quality of generous forbearance, we will cordially co-operate, in our respective spheres of influence, in supporting the general interests of all those entitled to invoke our protection. With a firm adherence to the just rights of all, in a spirit of kindness, all traces of alienation will gradually and forever disappear.

In the sunlight of returning peace, we see opening before us a future of prosperity and greatness for our common country such as has hitherto been offered to none of the nations of the earth. The war which threatened the overthrow or division of the Republic has developed its resources, consolidated its strength, and infused into the whole body of the people a spirit of renewed energy, vigor and confidence. To us and to our children it is an occasion of heartfelt joy and gratitude that the protecting hand which upholds the heavens has been our constant support. The grand and noble edifice reared by those who signed the Declaration of our National Independence, has withstood the rocking of a tempest which would have overthrown the oldest monarchy; and it stands to-day, as we trust it will ever stand, firm and unmoved, with civil liberty as its chief corner-stone.

REUBEN E. FENTON.

Our Iron-Clad Navy—Official Trial of the Light-Draught Monitor Cohoes.

The official trial of the motive, turret, blowing and pumping engines of the light-draught monitor *Cohoes* took place yesterday at the Continental Iron Works dock, Greenpoint, L. I. Commodore C. RINGGOLD, accompanied by his staff, and Chief-Engineers LONG, ALBERT and PURDY were present to test her steam powers while lying at the dock. The steam was raised by direction of Mr. GRIFFIN, Government Inspector, at an early hour in the morning, as it was expected that the Board of Inspectors would be on hand at 8 o'clock; but New-Year's or some other cause prevented the gentlemen from coming up to time, and it was some time after the hour appointed before they made their appearance. The *Cohoes* was contracted for by Hon. M. F. MERRIT, of Connecticut, and built by T. F. ROWLAND, at Greenpoint. The motive engines were built by HEWS & PHILIPS, of Newark, N. J. She has eleven engines for various purposes, five of which were built by HEWS & PHILIPS, two by WOODWARD, two by ANDREWS, and the rest by CRANTZE, of Schenectady, N. Y. The hull of the *Cohoes* is 225 feet in length, 40 feet beam and about 9 feet deep. She is no more like the original plan than can be imagined, having been built up, altered and changed at a heavy cost. She has one turret, in which are placed two 11-inch guns of the Dahlgren smooth-bore pattern, and is in all material points like all of Mr. ERICSSON's monitors.

It is believed she can make six or seven knots an hour. The completion of this vessel finishes the lot of the class with but one exception. The *Cohoes* will not take on board her equipment, but will be towed to Long Island if ready before the Delaware freezes up, and there laid up to rust away till wanted. As a piece of good workmanship, which reflects credit upon the contractor or builder, she has no equal. The performance of the *Cohoes* in her official trial at the dock was all that could have been desired, and she now passes from the contractor's hands to the Navy Department, the last of the "iron indies."

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS.

Organization of Both Boards of the Common Council.

John Brice Elected President of the Aldermen.

J. Wilson Green Chosen to Preside Over the Councilmen.

THE MAYOR'S MESSAGE.

The Common Council.

Both Boards of the Common Council met at noon on Monday, for the purpose of organization.

The Board of Aldermen elected Mr. JOHN BRICE as President, Mr. DAVID T. VALENTINE as Clerk, Mr. WM. WALSH as Sergeant-at-Arms, and Mr. JOHN KERRIGAN as his assistant.

Mr. PETER MCKENNY presented a protest against Mr. WM. L. ELY taking his seat as Alderman for the Eighth District. The protest alleges that some of the election returns were irregular, and that some of the ballots were wrongly counted. The paper was laid over.

The Board of Councilmen elected Mr. J. WILSON GREEN as their President, and Mr. EDWARD M. HAGERTY as Clerk.

Both boards adjourned to Monday next.

The Mayor's Message.

The following is the Mayor's inaugural message, presented to the Common Council on its organization:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY OF NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1866.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN: I enter this day upon the discharge of the duties of my high office, duly impressed with a sense of the responsibilities connected with it, and of my utter powerlessness, under the laws now in force, to accomplish any great good for the city which has chosen me for its chief executive officer.

The Legislature of the State has divested the Mayor of New-York of much of the power which of right belongs, and ever should belong, to him, and until that power shall be restored the people must not complain if successive administrations shall prove to be failures, and the municipal government continue to be weak and inefficient.

Conscious, however, of the rectitude of my own intentions, and trusting in God, the Guide and Ruler of us all, I begin my duties with the determination to use the little power I have, and to exert all my abilities and energies in the great work before me, in an earnest effort to do the best I can for the advancement of the interests of the people of this great metropolis. In this work I sincerely hope I shall have your cooperation.

It is by law the duty of the Mayor to communicate to the Common Council, at least once a year, a general statement of the situation and condition of the city in relation to its government, finances, and improvements; and I now communicate with you, and through you with my fellow-citizens, in obedience to the requirements of the law.

THE CITY AND ITS GOVERNMENT.

The growth and prosperity of this city are beyond parallel. Its resources are immense. Population and wealth are pouring into it from all parts of the world. The rich country which surrounds it contributes incessantly to its progress and advancement, and before many years the whole island on which it is situated will be crowded with an active and energetic people.

Such a city deserves and should have one of the best charters, and one of the strongest municipal governments which can be given by the legislative power of the State. What that charter should be, and what action the Legislature should take in reference to our local affairs, this is not the time to discuss; but in view of the present public agitation of that subject, I feel bound to state two propositions, which it is clear to me should never be lost sight of, and should be vigorously adhered to.

1. The city should be permitted to choose its own officers, carry on its own government and manage its own affairs. Its chartered rights should be preserved, its privileges maintained, and never under any circumstances should the Legislature attempt to saddle upon it a commission to govern and control it.

2. Its Mayor should be clothed with power commensurate with his responsibilities. A concentration of power and of responsibility should be the end and aim of all legislation relating to its government. It is the division of power and the diffusion of responsibility which causes all, or nearly all, of our municipal evils, and the sooner this great truth is universally recognized and acted upon, the better for the common interests of us all.

THE DEBT OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW-YORK.

The funded debt of the city on Dec. 22, 1865, was $29,932,576 50, and of the county, $11,338,400, making an aggregate of $41,265,976 50, of which amount the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund hold $9,608,101, leaving a net indebtedness of $31,757,875 50.

In addition to this there was on Dec. 22, 1865, a temporary debt of $4,695,300, to meet which the city and county held sufficient assets in the shape of assessment liens, unpaid taxes and cash, and the whole temporary debt will of course be rapidly extinguished.

The following statement, prepared at my request by the Finance Department, shows in detail the items making the aggregate of the funded and temporary debt, and the various purposes for which it has been incurred. It shows, also, how much is payable from the sinking fund, and how much from taxation; and you will perceive that of the whole amount the large sum of $14,339,900 has been incurred for expenses growing out of and connected with the war now so happily ended, and nearly $20,000,000 for the Croton Water Works and Central Park.

DEBT OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW-YORK DEC. 22, 1865.

City Funded Debt.

Water Stocks, issued on account of introducing the Croton water into the city and distributing the same	$16,425,800 00
Central Park Stocks, issued on account of Central Park and the improvement of the same	2,494,071 00
Fire Indemnity Stock, issued for payment of damages for blowing up buildings, December, 1835	402,763 00
Building Loan Stocks, issued on account of building workhouse on Blackwell's Island.	190,050 00
Real Estate Bonds, issued in settlement with State lessees of West Washington Market for payment to the State for sundry lands filled in beyond the boundary line of the Montgomery charter, and for purchase of Fort Gansevoort property	1,138,437 50
Stock for Docks and Slips, issued for rebuilding and repairing public docks and slips	800,000 00
Floating Debt Fund Stock, issued for funding and funding floating debt in 1859	2,748,000 00
Public Education Stock, issued for payment of debt of Public School Society	154,000 00
Public Building Stock, issued on account of the erection of public buildings	50,000 00
Stock for rebuilding Tompkins Market, issued as its title indicates, for rebuilding Tompkins Market	68,000 00
Volunteer Soldiers' Family Aid Fund Bonds issued to provide for the families of soldiers in the United States Army	3,708,500 00
Volunteer Soldiers' Family Aid Fund Redemption Bonds issued, to extend the time of payment of Volunteer Soldiers' Family Aid Fund Bonds	500,000 00
Volunteer Soldiers' Bounty Fund Redemption Bonds, issued for redemption of a like amount of bonds issued on account of bounties to volunteer soldiers	490,000 00
Total funded debt	$29,932,576 50

County Funded Debt.

Harlem Bridge Bonds, issued for erecting a bridge across Harlem River at McComb's dam	20,000 00
County Court-house Stock, issued as its title indicates, for the erection of the new courthouse in Chambers-street	1,750,000 00
Soldiers' Substitute Bounty Redemption Bonds	$2,000,000
Soldiers' Substitute and Relief Redemption Bonds	846,700
Soldiers' Bounty Fund Bonds	4,000,000
Soldiers' Bounty Fund Bonds, No. 2	276,600
Soldiers' Bounty Fund Bonds, No. 3	761,000
	$8,084,300 00

The above were issued to provide means for the payment of bounties and for substitutes for the armies of the Union.

Riot Damages Redemption Bonds	$1,000,000
Riot Damages Indemnity Bonds	499,100— $1,499,100
Total funded debt of county	$11,338,400

Recapitulation—Funded Debt.

City amount payable from Sinking Fund	$29,932,576 50
City amount payable from taxation	8,276,500 00—$29,932,576 50
County amount payable from taxation	11,338,400 00
Total	$41,265,976 50
The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund hold on account of the above debt the sum of	$9,508,101 00
Net amount of City and County Funded Debt, Dec. 22, 1865	$31,757,875 50

The foregoing debt of $41,265,976 50, was incurred for the following purposes, viz:

For the Croton Water Works	$10,425,800 00
For Central Park, cost of land and improvement of same	2,494,071 00
For purchase from the State for sundry lands filled in beyond the boundary allowed by the Montgomery Charter, and in settlement with the State lessees of West Washington Market; also, for purchase of the Fort Gansevoort property	1,134,337 50
For payment of damages incurred for blowing up buildings during the great fire in December, 1835	402,763 00
For the erection of public buildings, including the new County Court-house	2,000,000 00
For building and repairing public docks and slips	800,000 00
For the liquidation of the floating debt of 1859	2,748,000 00
For the indebtedness of the Old Public School Society on the transfer of their property to the corporation	154,000 00
For the erection of bridge at McComb's Dam, Harlem River	20,000 00
For expenses growing out of and connected with the war	14,339,900 00
Total Funded Debt of City and County	$41,265,976 50

Temporary City Debt.

Revenue Bonds of 1865, issued in anticipation of collection of taxes of 1865	$1,706,800 00
Street Improvement Fund Bonds, issued to pay contractors for improving the streets, in anticipation of the collection of assessments therefor	1,619,200 00
Assessment Fund Bonds, issued to pay for opening, widening, &c., of streets, in anticipation of the collection of assessments therefor	400,000 00
Total	$3,726,000 00

Temporary County Debt.

Revenue Bonds of 1865, issued in anticipation of collection of taxes of 1865	967,900 00

Recapitulation Temporary Debt.

City	$3,726,000 00
County	967,900 00
Total Temporary Debt, City and County	$4,693,900 00

I have deemed this statement important in order that the people of this city and State might see at a glance and understand just what the debt is and the purposes for which it has been created and how it is divided. The limits of this communication will not permit me to speak more particularly of its details. Large as this debt appears, it is amply secured. The interest on so much of it as is payable from the sinking fund is more than met by the revenues especially set apart for that purpose. These revenues yield a large annual surplus, a portion of which is by law annually transferred to the general fund, and calculation has shown that the accumulations of the sinking fund will be ample to pay the principal of the debt long before its maturity.

The whole debt is in fact secured by the entire property of the city, public and private, and, in my judgment, the world offers no better security for investment than the public stocks of the City and County of New-York.

The market value of some of these stocks is below par. This is attributable to two causes:

1. The public securities of the United States yield a greater rate of interest and are exempt from local taxation; and,

2. There has been a growing distrust in the management of our municipal and county affairs. This distrust you and I must do all we can to remove, and let us confidently hope for success in our efforts.

Economy in administration and a judicious management of city property and revenues will make our securities as popular as they are safe.

REAL ESTATE OF THE CITY.

I have been unable to obtain any accurate statement of the real estate (improved and unimproved) belonging to the city. Such a statement, however, will soon be prepared under the direction of the Comptroller.

Meanwhile, in view of the present comparative high prices of unimproved real estate, and the present low prices of city securities, I would suggest the propriety, under the direction of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, of a judicious sale, at public auction, of large portions of the unimproved real estate of the city, and the application of the proceeds to the purchase of the city securities for the account of the sinking fund. Such a course seems to me eminently proper, and I hope it will be followed. The unimproved real estate yields no revenues. It would sell for large prices. It would, after passing into private hands, be improved and add considerably to the amount of taxable property, and the proceeds of sales would enable the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to purchase a very considerable amount of the city securities. At the same time the market value of those securities would be considerably enhanced.

I am not prepared as some of my predecessors have done, to recommend the sale of the markets, wharves, piers and ferry franchises, belonging to the city, believing, as I now do, that the city should continue to own and control them, and that by judicious management they can all be made to yield greatly increased revenues.

TAXES.

The tax levy for 1865 amounted to the enormous sum of $18,203,952 86, being nearly three per cent. on the assessed valuation of the real and personal property of our citizens. It is proper, however, that I should state that, from the best information I can obtain, while the rate of taxation here is higher than in the other large cities of our country, the valuation of property for the purpose of taxation, compared with its actual market value, is much lower here than it is in those cities. As there is a very general impression that this enormous tax levy of 1865 is chargeable altogether upon our county and municipal government, and as this impression is erroneous, I have caused to be prepared a statement showing the amounts levied for State, city and county purposes respectively; and how much of this immense expenditure has been incurred by the direction of the State Legislature, and of the commissions created by it (over which neither the Board of Supervisors nor the Common Council have any control;) how much is for the expenses arising out of and connected with the war; and how much has been incurred directly by the Board of Supervisors and by the Common Council, and for which they are justly responsible.

The following is the statement to which I ask your careful attention, and which will, I hope, receive the thoughtful consideration of the taxpayers of New-York.

TAXATION, 1865.

Tax levy for year 1865	$18,203,952 86
For the following purposes, viz.:	
1. For the use of the State	$3,024,000 85
2. For the police, various assessments, and support of the County Government	4,726,300 83
3. For the Board of Education, Public Charities, Correction, &c., and support of the City Government	9,823,509 10
Required for payment of appropriations	$17,673,810 48
In addition, the Board of Supervisors are authorized to levy three per cent. on the amount of tax required (Laws 1861, chap. 253, sec. 6) to cover losses arising from erroneous assessments, inconveniences, &c., &c. The amount levied for this purpose in 1865 was	530,142 38— 18,203,952 86

ANALYSIS OF TAX FOR STATE PURPOSES.

Expenses under control of the State authorities.

Common Schools for State, ¾ of a mill	$432,000 12
General purposes, 1¼ of a mill	720,000 20
General purposes, (deficiency,) ½ of a mill	288,000 08
Bounties, 1 77-80 of a mill	1,130,400 23
Canals, ¼ of a mill	144,000 04
Extension of Chenango Canal, 3-16 of a mill	108,000 03
Champlain Canal, 1-10 of a mill	57,600 02
Genesee Valley Canal, 1-16 of a mill	36,000 01
Albany and Susquehanna Railroad, 3-16 of a mill	108,000 03
Tax levied for State purposes	$3,024,000 85

ANALYSIS OF TAX FOR COUNTY PURPOSES.

Expenses Controlled by Commissions under Special Acts of the Legislature.

For the support of the Metropolitan Police in this county	$2,211,856 56
Expenses connected with the census, 1865	50,000 00
Construction of Harlem Bridge	226,494 00— $2,488,050 56

For Interest on the County War and Riot Debt.

Interest on riot damages indemnity bonds	$96,993 87
Interest on bounty bonds	549,301 62— $646,195 69

For Interest on the County Debt.

Interest on Harlem Bridge bonds	$1,400 00
Interest on county revenue bonds	66,300 00
Interest on Court-house stock	90,000 00— $157,700 00

GENERAL EXPENSES OF THE COUNTY, VIZ:

Salaries, Legislative	$42,956 33
Salaries, Executive	114,260 16
Salaries, Judicial	161,125 77
Election expenses	101,500 00
Erection of New Court-house	200,000 00
Armories and Drill Rooms	125,000 00
Miscellaneous items	315,000 00
The various asylums, the Children's Aid Society and Institution for the Blind	73,600 00
Total	$1,619,364 26
Deduct revenues of the county not otherwise specifically appropriated by law	90,000 00— $1,434,364 26
Tax levied for county purposes	$4,726,300 83

ANALYSIS OF TAX FOR CITY PURPOSES.

Expenses of various boards and commissions, and special appropriations by the Legislature.

Fees of the Chamberlain	$20,000 00
Controversy in relation to the office of Street Commissioner in 1857	42,187 96
Maintenance and government of the Central Park	188,121 00
Interest on the Central Park Debt	568,931 26
Metropolitan Fire Department	600,000 00
Metropolitan Police, in addition to amount on county account	102,500 00
Public Charities and Correction	993,420 00
Public Instruction	2,266,808 28
Less school money received from the State	$268,856 82— 2,037,611 76
Laying out the Annexed District north of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth-street	12,500 00— $4,556,602 98

FOR INTEREST ON AND REDEMPTION OF THE CITY WAR DEBT.

Interest on Bonds issued to procure funds for aiding families whose husbands or dependents served in the war	$262,138 37
Interest on Bounty Bonds	32,400 00
Redemption of Family Aid Fund Bonds	500,000 00— $794,538 37

FOR INTEREST ON THE CITY DEBT.

Interest on various city stocks and bonds, exclusive of the Central Park Stock	207,595 00
Interest on City Revenue Bonds	170,000 00— $377,595 00

FOR REDEMPTION OF CITY DEBT.

Redemption of Revenue Bonds issued for the payment of judgments obtained in 1864 and 1865	$452,142 76
Installments of principal of City Debt	202,450 00— $654,592 45
Forward	$8,550,394 80

General Expenses, viz:

Salaries	$1,125,561 45
Cleaning streets	797,646 47
Judgments	35,690 77
Donations (for all purposes)	165,685 79
Lamps and gas	547,760 00
Public buildings	160,000 00
Real estate	70,000 00
Rents	95,000 00
Sewers, repairing and cleaning	70,000 00
Stationery	40,000 00
Printing for the Common Council and Departments	120,000 00
Street-repairing	100,000 00
Water pipes and laying	300,000 00
Wharves, piers and slips	600,000 00
Battery improvements	50,000 00
Election expenses	40,000 00
Railing around Madison-square	40,000 00
Widening Seventh-avenue	40,000 00
Roads and avenues	101,500 00
Aqueduct repairs	50,000 00
Miscellaneous items	606,013 00
Total	$4,612,227 49
Less revenue of the city not otherwise specifically appropriated by law, including the surplus of the sinking fund for payment of interest on the city debt	$1,220,103 18 $3,392,124 30
Tax levied for city purposes	$9,823,509 10

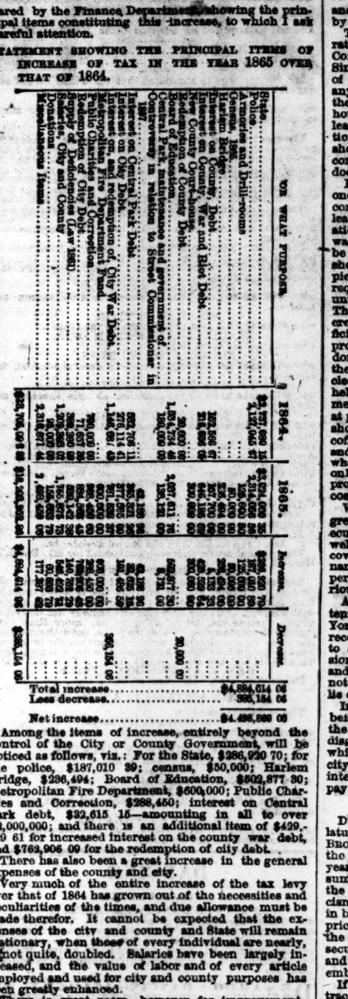
It will be perceived at a glance that of the whole sum of $18,203,952 86 over $5,000,000 is for the *use of the State*, over seven millions is expended by direction of the Legislature and by the various commissions which are independent of city or county government, and nearly one and a half millions for interest on riot bonds and family aid and war bonds, and for the redemption of such of these bonds as have matured. Of the whole levy of $18,203,952 86, the city and county governments are responsible only for about $8,000,000, and of the $8,000,000 about $1,500,000 was for necessary expenses incident to the war. I speak in round numbers. The precise figures can be ascertained by examination of the preceding statement.

TAX LEVIES OF 1864 AND 1865 COMPARED.

The tax levy for 1864 amounted to	$13,704,092 86
And for 1865, as I have stated, to	18,203,952 86
Increase over 1864	$4,498,860 00

I have caused the following statement to be prepared by the Finance Department, showing the principal items constituting this increase, to which I ask careful attention.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE PRINCIPAL ITEMS OF INCREASE OF TAX IN THE YEAR 1865 OVER THAT OF 1864.



Among the items of increase, entirely beyond the control of the City or County Government, will be noticed as follows, viz.: For the State, $286,920 70; for the police, $187,010 39; census, $50,000; Harlem Bridge, $226,494; Board of Education, $602,877 30; Metropolitan Fire Department, $600,000; Public Charities and Correction, $288,450; interest on Central Park debt, $32,615 15—amounting in all to over $2,000,000; and there is an additional item of $429,529 61 for increased interest on the county war debt, and $763,906 00 for the redemption of city debt.

There has also been a great increase in the general expenses of the county and city.

Very much of the entire increase of the tax levy over that of 1864 has grown out of the necessities and peculiarities of the times, and due allowance must be made therefor. It cannot be expected that the expenses of the city and county and State will remain stationary, when those of every individual are nearly, if not quite, doubled. Salaries have been largely increased, and the value of labor and of every article employed and used for city and county purposes has been greatly enhanced.

There is great room, however, for improvement. One great evil of the present times is private and public extravagance. Every private and public interest demands that it should be checked, and I urge upon you, and upon every department of the city and county government, and upon all the commissions which are acting independent of either, to reduce their expenditures to the lowest possible standard. Let contraction and not expansion be the order of the day.

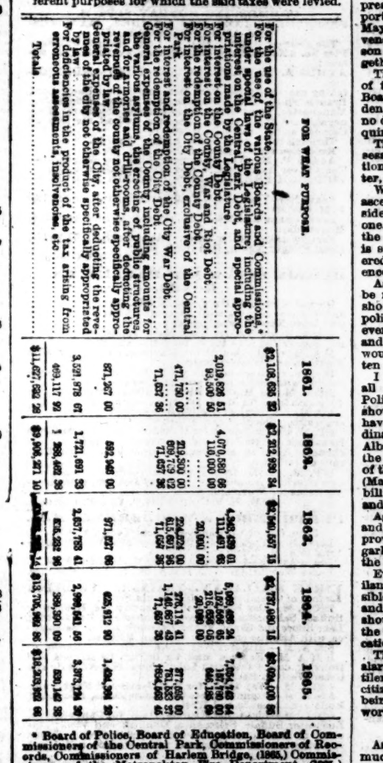
I am happy to say that the Comptroller of the city informs me that he is confident the tax levy for 1866 will be at least *three millions of dollars less than it was for 1865.*

To this end let us all contribute by every exertion and sacrifice.

Comparison of Tax Levies for 1861-2-3-4-5.

Before leaving the subject of finance, I beg leave to call your attention to a comparative statement of the tax levies for 1861-2-3-4-5, a glance at which will show the increase in various items, and who is responsible for it.

Comparative statement of the amounts raised by tax for the years 1861 to 1865 inclusive, showing the different purposes for which the said taxes were levied.



* Board of Police, Board of Education, Board of Commissioners of the Central Park, Commissioners of Records, Commissioners of Harlem Bridge, (1865,) Commissioners of the Metropolitan Fire Department, (1865,) Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction.

† Includes $222,149 76 for the redemption of Revenue Bonds issued for the payment of judgments obtained in 1864 and 1865.

It needs no explanation, except in the item of $1,191,691 81, city expenditures for 1862. These expenditures were reduced to this apparent figure, because for that year a large accumulation of moneys belonging to the funds for the payment of interest on the city debt was by law transferred to the general fund, and to that extent diminished the amount necessary to be raised by taxation for city expenditures during that year.

An examination of this statement will also show that the State takes more than a million of dollars in 1866 in excess of 1864. That more than three millions (including interest on State debt) was expended in 1865 in excess of 1861, by direct authority of the Legislature, and of various boards and corporations which are independent of either the city or county government, and that of the residue of the increase over 1861 nearly a million and a half is for interest on and redemption of debt incurred by reason of the war.

I have dwelt thus at large upon the subject of the public debt and the tax levy, because they are all important and engross the public attention. It is not only right, but necessary, that they should be thoroughly understood, and that every citizen should be able to examine for himself and see who really is responsible for the immense expenditure of the public moneys. The facts reach the public eye in this way more readily than in any other, and if I have aided in informing the public mind, and can draw from intelligent men suggestions of practical importance, I shall have secured my object.

THE PUBLIC PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS.

New-York can point with pride to its Croton Aqueduct and reservoirs, to its Central Park and its public buildings connected with and under the charge of the Commissioners of Charities and Correction, as well as those under charge of the Board of Education. The aqueduct is not only a source of pride, of comfort and of health, but the revenues derived from it more than pay the interest of the cost of its construction. I believe these can be greatly increased, whenever by a system of close observation and taxation, the public can be made to pay for what they waste as well as for what they use.

The Central Park is one of those great public improvements demanded by the spirit of the age, and contributes greatly to the comfort and happiness of all our citizens. It yields no revenue, but like all other great public improvements, contributes to the power and prosperity of the city of which it is so great an ornament.

Our ample public charities, and the edifices from which they are dispensed, are admirable, and it is much to be regret